

Danger of U. S. Being Drawn Into War, Reason For Wilson's Appeal

TREMENDOUS LIQUIDATING MOVEMENT IN STOCK MARKET TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's communication to the warring powers and the subsequent comment upon it by Secretary Lansing were made the occasion of another tremendous liquidating movement in the stock market today, which far exceeded in scope and activity any session of the past few days.

Special stocks, notably those regarded as war issues, broke 1 to 12 points during a wild opening, with declines of 1 to 3 points between sales. There was a quick rally, but this gave way to alternate declines and advances during the forenoon, culminating after the noon hour in another sweeping downward movement, which followed soon upon the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement.

The latter break was marked for the first time since the recent period of liquidation began by heavy weakness in rails. Despite the declaration of an extra 2 per cent dividend by Union Pacific, that stock showed an extreme loss of 5 1/2 points and Reading and other leaders in the railway division also fell sharply.

U. S. Steel was the centre during the trading of the forenoon of convulsive movements. In one lot at the opening 5000 shares were quoted at 191 1/4 to 191 1/2, an extraordinary loss of 2 1/2 points. This was the largest single transaction in the history of the exchange. During the noon break Steel dropped to 192 1/2.

Total sales of all stocks during the first two hours reached 1,300,000 shares. The trading, with its quick nervous rallies and declines, caused many holders to discourage the buying of the more volatile specialties except for cash and others refused to accept less than 50 per cent margins, even for standard shares.

The president's note virtually occupied exclusive attention in high financial quarters.

Advance in Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton opened at an advance of from 26 to 38 points here today, the upturn from yesterday's closing prices being attributed largely to extreme developments in Washington relative to peace. May contracts early sold up to 12 points above yesterday's closing quotations.

Reports were in circulation in the cotton market that a prominent German steamship line was planning to transfer its service as early as Feb. 1 and buyers had the further encouragement of higher Liverpool cables and an advance of one penny reported for Egyptian cotton.

Even rails, which have been generally strong in the midst of the necessary liquidation, gave way to the first rush of selling today. Reading selling off over a point, and Union Pacific 1 5/8.

Although the market continued feverish, rallies were registered in the first half hour of from 2 to 7 points.

Decline in Wheat
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening today on President Wilson's peace note.

Wheat for May delivery closed yesterday at \$1.51 1/2 to \$1.52. It opened today with sales ranging from \$1.55 to \$1.58, July at \$1.50 to \$1.51 opened 4 3/8 to 5 1/4 lower. The brokers were loaded

with selling orders and a huge business was done.

Exchanges
NEW YORK, Dec. 21. Exchanges \$554,419,851; balances \$26,572,133.

Boston Market
BOSTON, Dec. 21. Metal shares broke from 1 to 5 points at the opening of the local market today. After an outpouring of stock at low prices, the market rallied slightly but stopped to take up a downward course again. Prices were slightly improved just before noon.

Beautiful Cut Glass—Ricard's.

Religious Xmas articles—Ricard's.

Banjo wizards, Asso. hall, tonight.

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CORCORAN WAS AFTER THE CHICKENS

Just because four choice chickens which had been tied up in a bag and placed in a barrel ready to be taken when the way was clear fluttered their wings and cocked, Thomas Corcoran, who for many years has had a strong

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SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS SENDING OF NOTES TO BELLIGERENTS

"Drawing Nearer Verge of War Ourselves, and Therefore We are Entitled to Know Exactly What Each Belligerent Seeks in Order That We May Regulate Our Conduct," Says Lansing—President Appeals to Warring Nations to Talk Peace

NOTES URGING PEACE

TO ALL WARRING NATIONS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In formal notes to all the belligerents, President Wilson, without proposing peace or offering mediation, has appealed to them to discuss terms which may end the war.

The president's notes had been virtually 48 hours on their way today and officials believed they had reached all the foreign capitals, although all official Washington is listening with the keenest expectations to any indications of how the notes will be received. Diplomats think it is incredible that President Wilson should have taken his action without some belief that it would not be flatly rejected without consideration by the entire allies.

Expect Germany to Accept
The wish and hope of the German allies that he take some such step had long been well known and there is no doubt of the manner of its reception among them.

Officials and diplomats here, analyzing the president's note find something deeper than an appeal for consideration of peace terms. They see that the president in acting, was also considering what would have to be the course of the United States to

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SEC. LANSING TELLS

WHY NOTES WERE SENT
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The danger of the United States, it is said, being drawn into the war, by reason of its increasingly critical position as a neutral, was one of the moving considerations in President Wilson's dispatch of notes to all the belligerents urging them to discuss terms of peace.

Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that the material rights of the United States had not been the paramount consideration. America's rights, he said, were being more and more involved by the belligerents and as the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent sought, in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

See Lansing's Statement
Secretary Lansing's statement, upon which the White House refused to comment, was as follows:

"The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows:
"It is not our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that, that we are drawn

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NOTE REACHES THE

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE
LONDON, Dec. 21, 11:52 a. m.—The suggestion of the United States for an exchange of views among the belligerents has been received at the foreign office and is now under consideration, pending which no statement will be made.

VON BERNSTORFF CALLED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today and it was understood the secretary explained President Wilson's action in addressing the belligerents.

WILSON AND LANSING CONFER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, President Wilson sent for Secretary Lansing and the head of the state department went to the White House for a conference.

The complete text of Pres. Wilson's appeal will be found on the last page.

APPOINTED TRIAL JUSTICE
Forest M. Adams of Natick has been appointed a trial justice of Middlesex county by Governor McCall.

OUT OF COMMISSION
The triple combination engine, the biggest piece of self-propelled fire apparatus in the city and located at the Central fire station in Palmer street, is out of commission, only for a short time, however.

Yesterday it was found that there was a flaw in the casting in the left fore part of the framework, over the engine, and today the parts were welded and where rivets had loosened up the rivets were removed, reheated and put in place. All of this work was done by the members of the company, a portable force being brought into the engine room for the purpose.

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ALDERMAN PUTNAM IN FAVOR OF 10 PER CENT FOR LOWELL FIREMEN

At a special meeting of the municipal council held this morning at 10 a. m., a communication was read from the contractors and builders of Lowell, asking for an extension of time for making bids on the erection of the new high school. After a brief discussion it was voted to extend the time until Jan. 7, but at a conference later a committee of the Lowell contractors and builders said that the additional ten days will not benefit them and argued

strongly for separate bids.

While the opinion of the city solicitor is pending and while there is doubt as to the powers of the school committee in determining the nature of the bids, the action of the municipal council cannot well be changed. During the conference the mayor and the committee argued at some length, but their respective points of view remained the same.

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CITY OF LOWELL WINS IMPORTANT TAX CASE

A most important decision that establishes a precedent so far as the city of Lowell is concerned has just been handed down by the state board of appeal governing taxation. It is in the case of "Dunstable vs. Lowell" and concerns tax on stocks in certain corporations held in the name of Frank Hanchett. The board of appeal consists of the treasurer and recorder, general auditor of accounts, the tax commissioner and a member of the council to be designated by the governor. The appeal was filed by Dunstable for credits which Lowell also claimed.

On December 11, 1916, the local board of assessors was notified that the claim of Dunstable vs. Lowell would be heard by the board of appeal at the state house, Boston, on December 19. The entire board was present at the hearing and Dunstable was also represented. At the close of the hearing the board under the matter under advisement and today the following letter was received:

Dec. 20, 1916.
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I have to inform you that the Board of Appeal at its meeting held December 19th voted in the matter of the appeal of "Dunstable vs. Lowell" in favor of Lowell, and that the tax be awarded to Lowell.

Respectfully yours,
Signed: Albert E. Taylor,
Clerk of Board.

Chairman Board of Assessors.

During December the assessors have exercised their right to levy the

omitted assessments for the year 1916. The amount this year in terms of valuation is \$39,350 and the tax amount is \$1894.22.

The New Tax Law
The department of the tax commissioner has asked the Lowell board of assessors to co-operate with the state body in bringing home to the people of Lowell information on the new tax law, and to this end the local board is asked to distribute forms and pamphlets. The board has written expressing its desire to co-operate fully with the state board.

Statuary at low prices—Ricard's.

Miner & Doyle's, Waushakums Assoc.

STORM INTERFERES WITH XMAS SHOPPING

What threatened to be a bad snow storm started about 5:30 o'clock this morning and although the flakes were small and light it looked as though it was going to be one of the regular old New England storms, but the temperature rose during the morning and at about 9:30 the snow stopped and shortly before noon a slight drizzle or mist set in. The storm will interfere considerably with Christmas shopping.

A number of men were kept at the car barns of the Bay State Street Railway Co. in Middlesex street, last night in anticipation of a bad storm and all of the plows were in readiness to respond to a call if the snow increased, but it was not found necessary to use them.

The Boston & Maine railroad encountered little or no difficulty the only train that was late being the New York train which arrived in Lowell two hours and forty minutes behind scheduled time.

The temperature at 3:30 this morning was 18 degrees above zero and as noon had reached 25 above.

The Gift—A Rosary, at Ricard's.

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CHALIFOUX'S-ON THE SQUARE

SOME WONDERFUL FACTS ABOUT RIVERS

A river runs zig-zag because it meets with so much resistance. Even an ankle of a tree, a rock, a condensed vapor, or a little stream, it is swayed by pebbles or grass blades this way and that. Later in its course, as a mighty river, nothing but walls of granite can alter its channel.

But you see at heart the river desires to go straight and always tries to and so the result of immutable laws at last reaches the ocean, that which it set out to reach.

Thus we see intent and accomplishment are coupled up by even little streams in their striving to mighty rivers. A story that is known to the needs of the trade and is trying all the time to reach the source of its supply, the hearts of its customers is found like the river to grow stronger and to finally reach its destination.

It has been said of us that we have long since reached the Ocean of Confidence.

May we extend to you who read this a cordial invitation to visit us and partake of all we have gathered in our experience of more than two score years.

HARRISONIA HOTEL

Christmas Dinner

From 12 to 8:30 P. M.

ORCHESTRA AND VOCAL

"Way up in Vermont in the Green Mountains there's a place called Turkeyville, or something like that, where the trains never stop unless you flag them. Outside of that it's all right. That's where the Turkeys are raised were going to serve on Christmas. They take these turkeys when they are young, and raise 'em by hand, feed 'em on milk and waffles and choice grain, and whipped cream and other delicacies, and never let them exercise to get tough, but ride 'em round in limousines so when they grow up they are plump and tender and have a flavor like nothing else on this earth. Then we take 'em, stuff them full of chestnuts and oysters, and roast their golden hue with a slice of pork on their wishbone, and when we serve them Christmas you'll go to it like you were a boy again back home with the old folks, and presently you'll push back and grin like a cheese and look round and say, "Gosh, that was some feed!" And you'll speak the truth. But listen, if you want to be in on it you'd better say so right now! One dollar and twenty-five cents a plate and worth the money.

Today, Tomorrow and Saturday are pay days. Many people have not yet selected their Christmas gifts. The alert storekeeper will prepare for the late buyers by using the advertising columns of

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Table D'Hotel Dinner, 6 to 8.....75c
Daily Combinations.....45c
Signor Palladino's Orchestra
Open Till Midnight

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RECORD FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL

That a new record will be established in the volume of Christmas mail matter handled at the Lowell postoffice this year is evidenced by the amount of business, both incoming and outgoing, done up to the present time. A considerable increase is reported over the corresponding days a year ago and business promises to reach an unprecedented high mark today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Both the clerical and carriers' staffs have been augmented by extra men as they were needed all week and today every man on the eligible list of substitutes was notified to report for duty

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SHELL FIRE DEVASTATES VILLAGE LEAVES RELIGIOUS STATUE INTACT



VILLAGE OF MONTAUBAN WRECKED BY WAR, SHELLS SPARE RELIGIOUS STATUE

Exploring the ruins of the French village of Montauban, back of the British battle line on the Somme, a party of British soldiers found a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary unharmed, although virtually everything around had been pounded to pieces by the German shell fire. At the base of the statue a huge German shell, unexploded, was discovered. It may be seen in the picture.

ENORMOUS INCREASES IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

GAIN OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS
IN IMPORTS AND SIX MILLION IN
EXPORTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 21.—Increases of more than four million dollars in imports and nearly six millions in exports are shown in a statement of the foreign business of the colony of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended on June 30 last, made public today. Total imports were \$16,121,236 and exports \$18,902,112.

\$7,997,779 and exports to America \$2,410,609, both representing large increases.

BONUS TO EMPLOYEES
ATHOL, Dec. 21.—The L. C. Starrett Tool Co., employing 160 persons, today announced a bonus to be paid all employees, graded according to the terms of service.

HERBERT JACQUES DEAD
BROOKLINE, Dec. 21.—Herbert Jacques, former president of the United States Golf association and a prominent architect, died suddenly at home in the Chestnut Hill district today. He was 59 years of age.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

PRES. WILSON'S PEACE NOTE ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A resolution strongly endorsing President Wilson's peace note, introduced in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, was sent to the foreign relations committee on objection by Senator Borah that the senate had not had sufficient opportunity to consider the note.

IN BOSTON
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

BELIEVED VILLA HAS ENTERED TORREON

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—An official report from Eagle Pass, Tex., today was to the effect that British Consul O'Hara had parted from Torreon with two trains carrying all the Americans and other foreigners. The report says they left Torreon for the south hoping to reach Zacatecas, thence to make their way to San Luis Potosi and to the border through Monterey.

Before communication was cut south of Piedras Negras, messages Consul O'Hara stated he had been successful, on instructions from Washington in persuading all the foreigners, Americans, Germans and English to leave.

It is believed at the border that Villa has by this time entered Torreon. Consul O'Hara and Londo were expected to capitulate to him today. American officials had no communication beyond Paredon. Great concern is felt for the 500 Chinese in the Torreon district. It was impossible to move the Chinese. It is feared there will be a repetition of the massacre of four years ago at Torreon when hundreds of Chinese were shot down.

Those closely in touch with the situation basing their belief upon the last wire messages to arrive, say it is possible Villa will gather a large army in the Laguna district.

SHIP CUT IN TWO BY FRENCH CRUISER

AN ITALIAN STEAMER CARRYING
SOLDIERS HOME SUNK IN COLLISION

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Gen. Renan is reported in a despatch from Marseilles. The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave was cut in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

AERIAL ACTIVITY ON THE FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The French official statement on the progress of hostilities given out this afternoon by the war office says there has been relative calm on the front in France, with the exception of the Somme front.

"On the Somme front four enemy airplanes have been brought down by French pilots," the statement says. "The first came to earth near Malin-court, the second in the environs of Clercy, the third near Levis, while the fourth was brought down a few miles south of Poy-le-Grand by Sub-Lieut. Nungesser. This makes 21 enemy airplanes brought down by this aviator."

"Another one of our pilots, pursuing a German machine, collided with his adversary. Both machines crashed to the ground."

"During the day of Dec. 20, 47 shells were thrown down upon the railroad station at Anizy. On the evening of the 20th four French aviators threw down 430 kilos (about 1000 pounds) of projectiles upon the railroad stations at Beaulieu-sur-Meuse and Charleville-Lezardes. The same evening 11 French aviators sallied forth and threw down 47 shells of 120 millimetres each upon the railroad station and the barracks at Nesles and also upon certain convoys marching behind the lines."

LETTER SUMMONING GENERAL NIVELLE SIGNED BY GENERAL JOFFRE

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The official letter summoning Gen. Nivelle to the command of the armies of the north and northeast was signed by Gen. Joffre as commander in chief of all the French armies. Gen. Castelnau, Gen. Joffre's chief of staff having reached the age limit, has been retained on the active list of a special degree signed by President Poincaré, which is preliminary to his appointment to the command of an army group.

Gen. Gen. Ferdinand Auguste Pont, whom Gen. Nivelle has chosen as his chief of staff, has been promoted to general of division for the duration of the war. General Pont, like his chief, is an artillery officer and was a Junior Lieutenant colonel on the staff of one of the armies at the beginning of the war. His brilliant military talents soon brought him to the notice of Gen. Joffre, who signified him out for rapid promotion.

MRS. FRENCH WILL UPHOLD
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller French of Brockton, contested before a jury here by her 50-year-old cousin, Mrs. Florence L. French of Worcester, was sustained yesterday. The jury was out 10 minutes.

The jury found that Mrs. French was of sound mind when she made her will, and that there was no undue influence by John M. Ward, a friend who received \$5000, or Dr. Marion Nuts, who received a similar amount. The case was on trial for several days before Judge McLaughlin.

Mrs. French, the contestant, received nothing from Mrs. French's will, while \$55,000 was given to charity.

MURDER INDICTMENTS
SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 21.—Indictments for murder were returned yesterday, charging Francis McGurn with killing Ellen Kozor, age 17, and leaving the body under a house in Chicago, and charging Richard O'Connell and Hassan Durpas with shooting and killing Michael Derbas, age 27, and Salkin Dabiah in a riot at the North End.

R. L. AUDITOR DEAD
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—Charles C. Gray, state auditor and insurance commissioner, died here today. He was born in Little Compton, R. I., Dec. 27, 1841, and was a veteran of the Civil War.

POPULATION OF U. S. SHIFTS TO CITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The population of the United States continues the white population was 10,000,000 to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increase from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 43.9 per cent. of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8000, as against 38.8 per cent. in 1900. The entire population of continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,141,820.

Ten states have taken censuses since the last federal census in 1910 and seven show population increases. Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming decreased. The smallest increase was 2.3 per cent. in Iowa with a growth of but 6 per cent. The greatest increase was 22.5 per cent. in Florida.

Other states in which an increase was shown were Massachusetts, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.

In the past six years the growth in the white population was 10,000,000 to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increase from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 43.9 per cent. of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8000, as against 38.8 per cent. in 1900. The entire population of continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,141,820.

The populations of some leading cities as estimated today are:

New York, 5,602,541; Chicago, 2,457,122; Philadelphia, 1,709,518; St. Louis, 751,209; Boston, 756,476; Cleveland, 674,073; Baltimore, 580,621; Pittsburgh, 570,050; Detroit, 571,784; Los Angeles, 563,812; Buffalo, 463,553; San Francisco, 463,516; Milwaukee, 435,535; Cincinnati, 410,476; Newark, 408,301; New Orleans, 371,747; Washington, 343,950; Minneapolis, 330,454; Seattle, 348,689; Jersey City, 308,345; Kansas City, 297,847; Providence, 254,900; St. Paul, 247,000; Louisville, 238,916; Columbus, 237,000; Oakland, 191,604; Toledo, 191,000; Atlanta, 185,479; Birmingham, 163,311; Richmond, 156,687.

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A Christmas Sale that rings true with Economy

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| Rhode Island Ducks
25c to 30c lb. | FOWLS 22c, 28c lb. |
| Geese 25c, 28c lb. | |
| New Mixed Nuts . . . 2 lbs. 25c | Xmas Ribbon Candy, 21lbs. 33c |
| Large Florida Oranges, doz. 29c | Xmas Candy (in boxes), box 35c |
| Large California Oranges, doz. 49c | Fresh Pressed Cider, gal. 25c |
| Calarab Figs (pkgs.) . . . 25c | Black Eagle Cluster Raisins, box 23c |
| Stuffed Dates (Imp.) jar 25c | Large Howe Cranberries, qt. 10c |
| Fresh Persian Dates, lb. 15c | Fancy Assorted Cookies, lb. 25c |
| LEGS OF FALL LAMB 18c lb. | Squire's Pork Sausage 19c lb |
| Small Whole Hams, lb. . . 20c | Smoked Shoulders, lb. . . 16c |
| Boneless Lean Beef (for mince meat), lb. . . . 15c | Sliced Sugar Cured Bacon, lb. 25c, 28c, 30c |
| English Mutton Chops, lb. 20c | Sirloin Roasts, lb. . . . 22c |
| Fricassee of Chicken, lb. 25c | Sirloin Steaks, lb. . . . 25c, 35c |
| Fresh Small Pork, lb. . . 19c | Home-made Scotch Ham, lb. 35c |
| Fresh Shoulders, lb. 16c, 18c | Cooked Roast Pork, lb. . 55c |
| Malbec Coffee, lb. . . . 29c | Formosa Oolong Tea, lb. 35c |

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| FISH FOR FRIDAY | GROCERIES |
| Fancy Halibut 21c lb. | Bell's Seasoning 8c |
| Large Mackerel . . . 19c lb. | Candied Citron 19c lb. |
| Fresh Eels 19c lb. | Candied Orange 16c lb. |
| Small Shore Haddock . 8c lb. | Candied Lemon 16c lb. |
| Choice Fresh Herring . 6c lb. | Not-a-Seed Raisins . . . 15c |
| Fresh Boiled Shrimps . . | Jello (all flavors) . . 3 for 25c |
| Boston Pine Fish . . . 12 1/2c lb. | Heinz Plum Pudding . 15c, 30c |
| Sliced Tile Fish . . . 15c lb. | Heinz Fig Pudding . 15c, 30c |
| Sliced Sword Fish . . . 25c lb. | None Such Mince-meat . . 9c |
| Fresh Opened Oysters . 45c qt. | Fruit Cake 12c |
| Fresh Shucked Clams . 30c qt. | Delmar Peaches . . . 15c Can |
| Smoked Salmon . . . 35c lb. | Hawaiian Pineapple . . 18c |
| Smoked Halibut . . . 30c lb. | California Raisins 12 1/2c lb. |
| Salt Fish of All Kinds . | |

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| FRUIT DEPT. | VEGETABLE DEPT. | BUTTER DEPT. |
| Sweet Florida Oranges 29c doz. | Celery 15c bunch | Finest Elgin Butter . . 40c lb. |
| Spunkie Lemons . . . 20c doz. | Cakes 12 1/2 and 15c Each | Old English Cheese . 40c lb. |
| Bananas 20c doz. | Heavy Lettuce . . . 8c Each | Rus-sian Caviar . . . 50c |
| Large Grapefruit . 6 for 25c | Brussels Sprouts . 18c box | Liderkrantz Cheese . 17c |
| Fancy Apples 35c doz. | Sweet Peppers . . . 30c lb. | D'I-aguay Type Cheese . 15c |
| Baldwin Apples . . . 40c pk. | Oyster Plant . . . 15c bunch | Candied Cherries . . 49c lb. |
| Munaga Grapes . . . 20c lb. | Summer Squash . . 10c lb. | Cranberry Sauce . . 20c qt. |
| Colarab Figs 25c pkg. | White Turnips . . . 3 lbs. 10c | Ripe Olives 23c Each |
| Cranberries 10c qt. | Sweet Potatoes . . 4 lbs. 25c | Amst Jane's Mince-meat 25c lb. |
| | Candilover 10c lb. | Mixed Cookies . 2 lbs. for 25c |
| | Mixed Nuts 20c lb. | Heinz Mince-meat 20c and 35c |

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DR. GUNNISON, NOTED EDUCATOR IS DEAD

PRINCIPAL OF ERASMUS HALL HIGH SCHOOL OF BROOKLYN PASSED AWAY TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Walter R. Gunnison, educator, author of Latin text books and principal of Erasmus Hall High School of Brooklyn, one of the oldest schools in the city, died here today after several years of failing health. He was born in Abington, Mass., in 1852, was graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1875 and for 10 years was professor of Latin and literature at St. Lawrence. He then practiced law at Madison, Wis., and returned to New York to accept public school principalship, later becoming assistant superintendent of education here. In 1898 he became principal of Erasmus Hall which was founded in the 18th century.

Dr. Gunnison is survived by his wife, who was Blanche Eaton of Dexter, Me., two sons and three daughters and two brothers. Dr. Almon Gunnison, president-elect of St. Lawrence University and Herbert E. Gunnison, business manager of the Brooklyn Eagle.

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MARINA NOT IN SERVICE OF BRITISH WHEN SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made at the state department yesterday that Great Britain had furnished complete information showing that the British horse ship Marina, sunk without warning by a German submarine, with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time and had not been before in British public service, either by charter or requisition.

FOR POSTMASTER OF CONCORD, N. H.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Allan H. Robinson was nominated by President Wilson today as postmaster at Concord, N. H.

CALL NEW FOOD CONTROL MEASURE A FAILURE

LONDON PAPERS SAY PLAN HAS INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF FOOD

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to some of the newspapers two days' experience of the first food control measure, which regulates the number and nature of courses served in hotels and restaurants, has been sufficient to prove it futile. They say that not only has it failed to check consumption but that in many instances it has increased it. It is claimed that there

is no supervision and that many customers, finding that they can indulge in several servings of the same dish without having more than one course counted against them, have availed themselves freely of this loophole. Moreover there is nothing to prevent anyone from taking a succession of meals in different places. The papers urge food tickets or a tax on hotels and restaurant bills as in Paris.

VICTIM OF PTOMATINE POISONING
BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Following an attack of ptomaine poisoning, C. H. Mitchell, one of the best known contractors in the south, died here late last night during an operation. He created part of the million-dollar group of buildings at Springfield, Mass., and the Albany Normal school, among the public edifices.

TAX ON EXCESS PROFITS
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The tax on excess profits had produced £3,650,000 up to Dec. 16. Another £600,000 has been added of the exchequer, said the house of commons today.

The original estimate for the full year ending March 31, said the chancellor, was £8,000,000, an amount which he considered likely to be greatly exceeded.

SUBTREASURY IN BOSTON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The appropriation for the Boston subtreasury was yesterday restored to the legislative and judicial bill by the house. This action appeared with the wrath of Representatives Gallivan and Taggart of Boston, who last week made charges of their insolvency if the item was not returned.

Little opposition was encountered. Representatives Gallivan and Taggart were in Boston to vote in the city election, but Representative Taggart's request for a separate vote on the Boston provision resulted in its restoration to the bill without a roll-call.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE
LONDON, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Empire Parliamentary association today, Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for the colonies, said that the time of holding the imperial conference mentioned by Premier Lloyd George in his speech yesterday depended on the overseas dominions. Their premiers, he added, were engaged in work as strenuous and anxious and as important as that of those in the home government.

FARM LOAN BANKS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The federal farm loan board expects to announce within a few days the location of the 12 farm loan banks to be established throughout the country.

HELD UP BY U-BOAT
BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The Dutch steamship Maatsenkyk was held up 100 miles from Baltimore today on Dec. 19 by a German submarine which fired a solid shot across her bows but later allowed the vessel to proceed. Capt. Rywik reported today when his vessel arrived here with a general cargo from Rotterdam. The submarine apparently was a large one, he said. She bore no number visible to Chief Officer Veldhuis, who went aboard with the Maatsenkyk's papers.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK
BREST, Dec. 20.—The British steamship Flimston has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and first engineer were rescued. The others of the crew were rescued.

The Flimston, 3492 tons net, was last reported on her departure from Buenos Aires on Nov. 18 for London.

500 CASES OF WHISKY STOLEN
GIRARD, Ala., Dec. 20.—Approximately 500 cases of whiskey, seized by state authorities in the prohibition raids here last May and June, have been stolen from a Girard warehouse since Nov. 1, according to a statement of the county sheriff today. He declared that the building had been without a guard since that date.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad placed an embargo last night against all west-bound railroad freight trains, except those west of Cumberland, Md., except perishables, livestock and foodstuffs for human consumption.

SPINAL MENINGITIS ON BORDER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Army medical officers on the border reported today there was no danger of the spread of spinal meningitis among Georgia and Pennsylvania troops becoming epidemic. There have been three deaths in a Georgia regiment and two cases, both now recovering, in a Pennsylvania organization. No new cases have developed in the last eight days.

CHRISTMAS OPERETTA AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

"The Tables Turned, or a Christmas for Santa Claus," is the title of a dainty little Christmas operetta presented by the pupils of St. Peter's parochial school in the large assembly hall of the building in Church street. The affair was in keeping with the feast of the Nativity and was largely attended, the attendance being composed of parents and children.

The program was most entertaining and its execution reflected great credit upon the sisters in charge of the school. It may be said that this is the first public entertainment given under the auspices of the school, and many who attended hope it will not be the last.

The cast for the operetta was as follows:
Norman.....Master Francis Green
Dorothy.....Miss Helen Deleacy
Santa Claus.....Master Joe Brown
Jack Frost.....Master J. Bradford
The White Cat.....Miss Catherine Canby
Christmas Joy.....Miss Mary Gallagher
Bruno and Nettle.....Snowflake
Miss Mary Alden and Miss Mary O'Meara

Little Pages,
Masters: Dan, Lavin, Menley, Langford, Star Shine, Silver Spark and Crystal Clear, Frost Sprites,
Misses: Rusty Lyons, Miss Anna Shea, Miss Anna Donohoe
March and chorus of Children of the Nations: Frost Sprites: Snowflakes.
The other part of the program consisted of the following numbers:
Santa Claus, recitation and song,
Little boys of first grade
Peace, recitation,
Song: "Little Waiting"
Eleanor Young
Little girls of first grade
Recitation,
Masters: Arthur Tobin, William Heron, Brook, Stuart Malony, Michael Sullivan and Francis Irvin.

Solo, Master William Langford
Chorus, "O Holy Night,"
Solo by Miss Dorothy Eastman
Adeste Fideles.
The entertainment will be repeated tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

LLOYD GEORGE'S PLAN TO MOBILIZE LABOR

PREMIER'S PROPOSAL FOLLOWS SOMEWHAT ON LINE OF GERMAN MASS LEVY

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The British public had much to reflect on this morning. The reply of Premier Lloyd George to the German peace proposals had been anticipated and passages of his speech dealing with that question appeared in the late editions of yesterday's evening newspapers. The domestic program of the new government, however, was not published until this morning and it was too vast and too briefly indicated for the immediate crystallization of opinion.

The most important of these points foreshadowed by the premier was the general mobilization of labor for war and the vital industries. Mr. Lloyd George indicated he meant to begin with a voluntary plan and that if this failed he would ask parliament to give the government compulsory powers to place all the labor of the state at its service. His proposal, therefore, for the mobilization of the line of the German mass levy.

The task allotted to Neville Chamberlain, who has been appointed director-general of national service, of scheduling certain industries as indispensable and supplying them with the necessary labor and material, and at the same time putting the indispensable industries on fixed allowances of labor, raw material and man power, is considered a stupendous one, but Mr. Chamberlain's great experience in business is expected to carry him through with a minimum of delay and to him to conduct recruiting for the army and a civil director.

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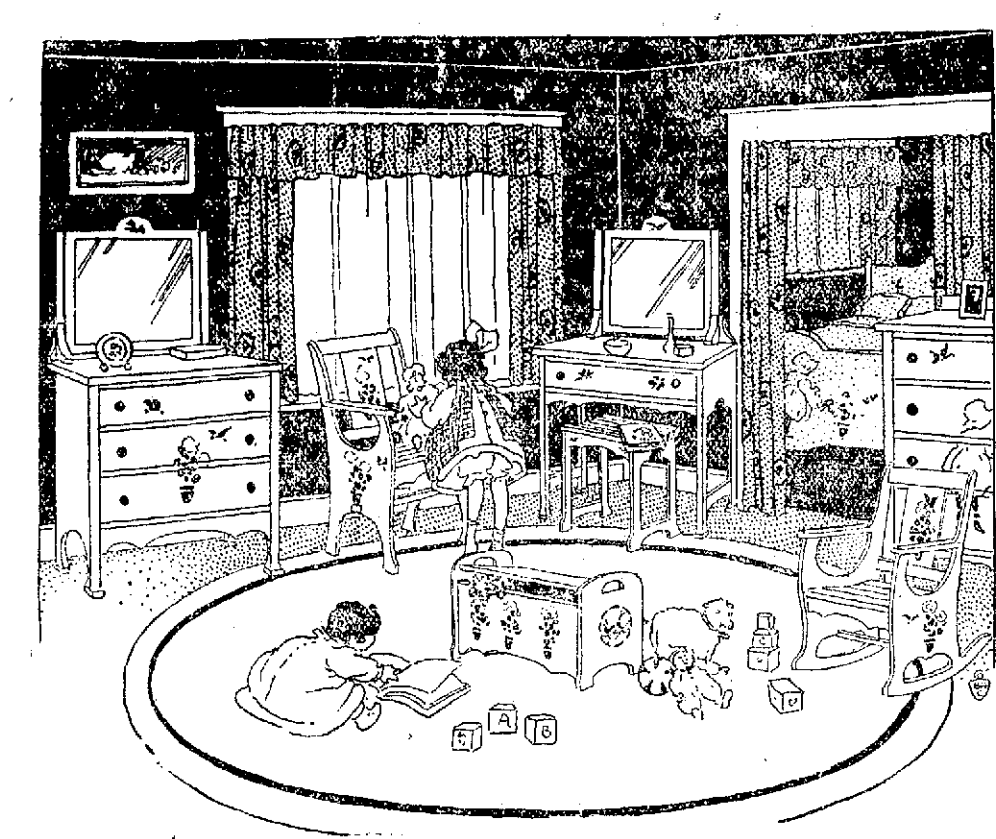
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Doll Carriages	\$2.00 to \$9.50	Children's Rockers	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Doll's Brass Beds	\$2.25 to \$5.25	All Leather Rockers	\$7.00
Children's Desks	\$2.00 to \$10.00	Morris Chair	\$3.75
Sled Special	98c	High Chairs	\$1.50 to \$3.50
Extension Dining Table	\$4.00	Adjustable High Chairs	\$4.30 to \$7.00
Baby Chairs	\$1.00	Iron Cribs	\$5.00 to \$14.00
Dining Walkers	\$1.75	Sulkies	\$3.00 to \$12.50
Misses' Reed Rockers	\$2.50 to \$7.00	Baby Carriages	\$10.00 to \$35.00
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in charge of accounting for industry. Dealing with the relations of the war cabinet with the general government, Mr. Lloyd George suggested that the connection be maintained by circulation of reports of the proceedings of the cabinet. As to parliament, he stated that the French committee system might be adopted.

Shipping and coal mines are to be put under the same kind of control as railways.

Irish Problems
The fact that the premier passed straight from Ireland to the imperial conference suggests that he hopes to find a solution of the Irish problem in his conference.

LEFT KNEE INJURED
James Meek, residing at 75 Fisher street, suffered an injury to his left knee while at work at the Lawrence mill, yesterday. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was removed to the Lowell hospital.

85c FOR COUNTING 7 VOTES
MIDDLEBURY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Yesterday afternoon 18 inspectors of election met in front of the polling place of this city to count the seven soldier votes received from the border. For this work they will receive 85c.

VILLA LEADER AND 17 FOLLOWERS EXECUTED

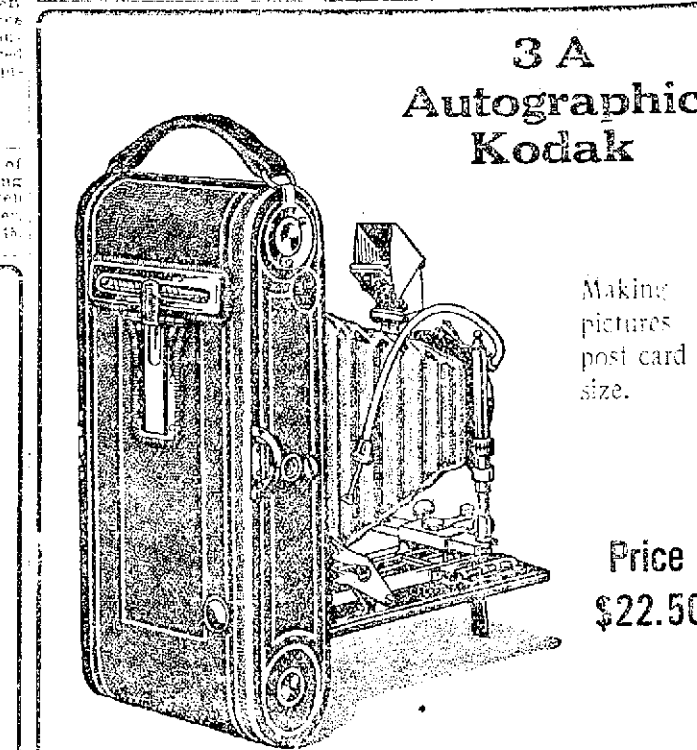
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Roughly 17 followers of Villa, who is said to have instigated the capture of cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, and 17 of his band, have been executed by home guards, according to a report received here today from one of the home guards. The report said many Villa troops had been killed in a battle south of Chihuahua City.

AMERICAN EXECUTED
WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 20.—Mrs.

Howard L. Egan of this city has been notified by the state department, it was learned today, of the execution of her husband at Chihuahua, Mex., on Dec. 18. Egan, a mining engineer, was charged with aiding enemies of the Carranza government by purchasing ore from a mine controlled by the Carranza administration. It was asserted by Egan that he did not know the ore was stolen at the time he bought it.

OPPOSES PAY RAILROAD MERGER
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—The public service commission today approved the so-called Conrail merger of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh under the name of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Co.

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Twisted Candy, lb.	30c	French Mixed Candy,	20c lb., 2 lbs. 37c
Orange Flavored Candy,	30c	Tutti Fruit Bonbons, lb.	30c
Orange Christmas Candy,	20c lb., 2 lbs. 39c	Cheese Snaps, lb.	25c

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WILLIAM SWEENEY AT LARGE

Man Who Killed His
Wife With Axe at
Kenwood

Escaped From the State
Insane Hospital at
Worcester



WILLIAM B. SWEENEY.

The police of Lowell and all other cities throughout the state have been asked to watch for William B. Sweeney of Dracut, the man who escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane in Worcester yesterday. Sweeney was committed to the asylum after he had been arrested for beating his wife to death with an axe in Kenwood and assaulting another man with a knife or razor on March 15, 1914.

Sweeney's escape caused considerable alarm in the Kenwood section of Dracut and the police were asked to keep a close watch for fear that he might return. How he made his escape was not given out by the hospital authorities. He was missed last yesterday afternoon and the local police were immediately notified. Inquiries were made in Kenwood this morning, but no trace of the man was found.

Story of the Crime

Sweeney was committed in the fall of 1914 after he had been found guilty of the murder of his wife on account of insanity. The gruesome killing, it will be recalled, occurred in the Sweeney home in Kenwood, Dracut, on the afternoon of March 15, 1914. Sweeney, it was claimed at the time, was in the act of celebrating the 37th anniversary of his wife's birthday. Sweeney is alleged to have beaten his wife to death with an axe in a bedroom and then attacked his companion, Crumney, with a razor.

Some of Sweeney's children arrived home during the trouble and Officer Pige of Dracut was notified. With his son, Officer Pige went to the Sweeney home and both men were attacked by the then raving maniac, with a cleaver. After a hard fight, Officer Pige succeeded in placing Sweeney under arrest. Before the day of the murder when he was seized, Sweeney was said to be a powerful citizen and an industrious husband. The case was brought up in the superior court of Middlesex county at Cambridge and the man was committed to the state hospital for the insane in Worcester.

The description of Sweeney as given out by the Worcester police was as follows: Age, 39 years; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 165 pounds; color of hair, brown; complexion, medium; had a short mustache. When he escaped he wore a blue serge suit, mixed color shirt and collar and a black silk necktie.

WAR MAY BE WON OR LOST IN CORNFIELDS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—While the morning papers give much prominence to Lloyd George's speech, the opinion of peace was secondary to the question of the disposition of the projected armistice. The comment everywhere indicates the readiness of the world of agriculture to greet the coming of a beleaguered city and his distress. The war may be won or lost on our fields and potato lands, are featured as furnishing the keynote to a situation which calls for the utmost national efforts.

The parliamentary correspondents of the newspapers contribute reports from the leathery of the broad lines of the government's scheme which come in the shape of cables to 16 to 60 and others 17 to 56. The civil engineers, according to these accounts, must place themselves at the disposal of the state for the duration of the war and must consent to be transferred to any part of the country where their services are needed. Filling the ranks in the essential war industries, such as shipbuilding, railroads and mines, will be the first steps. Enrollments will not, however, be confined to manual workers, and everybody, from the leisure rich downwards, must either volunteer or eventually be forced into national work. The employment will be allotted according to respective capacities.

U. S. SHIP DAMAGED BY STRIKING MINE

NATES, France, Dec. 21.—The American steamship Kansas has been damaged by striking a mine. An effort is being made to remove part of her cargo and take her to dock.

The Kansas sailed from Boston Dec. 6 for St. Nazaire. She is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. of New York.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Chasie Maere, 1257 tons gross, and Gerda, 755 tons gross.

COLLISION IN LAWRENCE

LAWRENCE, Dec. 21.—A shunting locomotive was in collision with the cab train which plies between North and South Lawrence near the signal tower at the South Lawrence station of the Boston & Maine railroad at 4:45 yesterday afternoon, both locomotives and a car of the cab train being involved. No one was injured, but railroad in the southern division lines was delayed several hours.

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DEATHS

FISKE—Mrs. Anne M. Fiske, wife of Henry C. Fiske, died yesterday at her home, 27 North Street, aged 65 years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Walter A. and William S. Fiske, and a sister, Anne Bridge.

LESTER—Victor Lester, father of Victor Lester of this city, died Tuesday afternoon at his home, 12 West Board Street. He had been ill for several months, during which time he had been amputated. He is survived by three sons, one daughter and three brothers.

BONNELLY—Miss Gladis Bonnelly, an esteemed member of St. Patrick's parish, died today at the home of her father, President W. Bonnelly, 111 Queen St., aged 16 years, 2 months and 5 days. She was a popular pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

PARCE—William, aged 4 years and 2 months, died last night at the home of the parents, Joseph and Michaela Parce, 15 Ward Street. Burial took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

MORRILL—Clarence Edwin Morrill, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrill, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents, 21 Moore Street, at the age of 8 days.

SIKORIELIS—Augustus Sikorielis, aged 11 months, son of Louis and Stathalia, died this morning at the home of his parents, 38 1/2 Market Street. Burial took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial was in the Eden cemetery in charge of Undertakers James E. O'Donnell & Sons.

FUNERALS

MAASEL—The funeral of Leo Arthur Maasel was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 144 Street, Rev. Appleton. Graves officiated. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Geo. M. Eastman.

BURNS—The funeral of Francis J. Burns took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of the deceased, No. 66 Coburn Street and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis J. Mullin. The floral offerings were a pillow inscribed "From the Burns family and a spray from Mrs. Burn and family. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Ryan, Martin Gallagher, Theo. Devine, Edward Reddy, James Hurley, John Hurley, and the casket was borne by Rev. Fr. Mullin. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Mullin conducted the committal services at the grave. Funeral director, James W. McKenna, in charge.

MASS NOTICE

An anniversary high mass of the requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church, Friday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the souls of Ann, Lavinia and Mary Campbell.

FUNERAL NOTICES

ALSTON—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie A. Alston will take place Friday afternoon from the chapel of C. H. McKeown Sons at Market Street. Burial will be conducted at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Eden cemetery, West Board Street, by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The floral offerings will be in charge of Undertakers C. H. McKeown & Sons.

OFFICE—The funeral of Joseph H. Office will take place Friday morning from his home, 144 Street, at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of C. H. McKeown Sons.

DONNICHY—The funeral of Miss Gladis Bonnelly will take place from the home of her father, 111 Queen Street, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of C. H. McKeown Sons.

FISKE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne M. Fiske will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home, 27 North Street. Friends respectfully invited without further notice. Interment will be in the Eden cemetery. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers George W. Hooper.

ROBY—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Roby will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home, 144 Street. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of C. H. McKeown Sons.

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SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS

Continued
ing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

Mr. Lansing has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday, but the delay was due to the fact that the president were that it should be considered as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that this was the fact in the document itself.

Mr. Lansing further said: "The object of this note will indicate the necessity of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force, safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an acknowledgment of the fact that the president has no right to regard this as a peace note, it is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which the are fighting."

U. S. in Difficult Role
At the White House, no effort was made to lessen the importance of Secretary Lansing's statement. President Wilson would make no comment.

President Wilson himself on several occasions has pointed out the danger of the United States becoming involved in the war. Because of conditions of American life he has said that the United States had a very difficult role to fill.

Last February while touring the middle west in favor of preparedness and again during the last campaign, the president took pains to state that feature.

In a speech at Pittsburgh last January he said: "When you know that there are combustible materials in the life of the world and in your own national life, and that the sky is full of floating sparks from a single spark, you are bound to sit down and say, 'Will be time when the fire begins to do something about it? I do not believe that the fire is going to begin, but I would be sure if it were ready to be the fire.'"

"I want to come as your responsible servant and tell you this, that we do not control the fire. We are under the influence of it, but we are not at the source of it. We are where it is at any time may affect us, and yet we cannot govern its spread and progress."

Underlies At Risk
TO BUILD BATTLE CRUISER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Construction in the Philadelphia navy yard of a battle cruiser of the four battleships authorized by congress has been determined upon by Secretary Daniels.

Private bidders submitted proposals upon a per centage basis and Secretary Daniels said today that unless the government constructed one of the vessels the navy department would be unable to determine the total costs with any degree of accuracy.

Feinstein Says: Richard's

SUN BREVITIES

Best printing, Tobin's, Assoc. Bldg.

Auto supplies, Deharrell, 23 Middle St.

J. S. Mohr, optician, Wyman's Ex.

J. F. Donohue, 285 Childreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone

Recent K. Harris of Chelmsford was awarded a \$100 Phillips scholarship in his scholastic awards at Phillips Exeter academy for the Christmas holidays.

Rate buyers will find it easy to make their selection of Christmas gifts by consulting the advertising columns of the Sun today, tomorrow and Saturday. They are open evening this week.

Mrs. Helen Backus, Kitty Kinnon, Clara Huber and others at Richard's Central street store and Musca's Central street store and Musca's Central street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

J. J. Barry, who several years ago was shot off the commercial paper exchange at St. Paul and Chicago, a "recreation" company, is in charge of the same company. He Barry belongs to Brooklyn. In 1914 he was a contract agent for the Brooklyn branch, staying there for six months after which he went to Chicago as manager and from there to Brooklyn.

Monahan and Teller Says: Richard's

WILL LIVE IN LOWELL
The Rev. Charles J. Connerly of this city, formerly of Boston, Adams has been elected to live with his wife and daughter in Lowell with his wife and daughter. They will make his home here.

Mr. Albert W. Guptill, 415 North Main Street, is for sale.

ALBERT W. GUPTILL DEAD
Advertising Manager of the Boston Herald Passed Away at His Home Today

Boston, Dec. 21.—Albert W. Guptill, advertising manager of the Boston Herald, died at his home today.

Christmas cards at 10 cents

CITY OF LOWELL

MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

December 20th, is the last day in which bills will be received by the city for payment for the year 1916.

WILLIAM W. DUNCAN,
Commissioner of Finance.

Wanted at Once

Girls to sell early experienced sales girls to others well apply. Call at

A. M. NELSON'S FINE CONFECTIONERY

In Dickson's Tea Store
66 Merrimack Street

All our candy made of pure sugar. Get your supply at once for Christmas.

Superb Selections for the Last Busy Three Days of Christmas Shopping, In

Diamonds, Gold and Silver Jewelry, Silverware, Rosaries, etc.

Assortments in our stock will keep pace with the demands upon them until the last shopping hour on Saturday night. We are "filling in" constantly, and while some articles are few in number there is variety enough to suit most tastes.

Lasting beauty and long service are essential in the gift of gold, silver or precious stones. It is good to know that absolute confidence in your purchase is one of the benefits you secure for the moderate prices asked here.

DAVID PERREAULT & CO.

260 MERRIMACK STREET—OPP. ANNE ST. Telephone 2009

SOLDIERS ON HATS THE LATEST FAD AMONG THE TRULY CHIC PARISIENNES



LATEST PARISIAN FAD—THE PARISIENNE ADORNS HER HAT WITH A SOLDIER.

Here are two examples of the latest fad in Paris, girls—you have your hat decorated with soldiers' portraits. If you like, and are devoted to one war, in particular. Nowadays soldiers light and march and counter-march and perform all sorts of drills on ladies' hats, as is shown in the two pictures reproduced herewith. One hat, a turban shape, has companies of soldiers embroidered in ponds on the brim; another order but has a French chamber digging his spurs into a Frenchman soldier wearing a "jockey hump" or spiked helmet. The greater the originality displayed in adornment of the hat the greater is its success along the boulevards.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

attended by an efficient staff of clerks under the direction of Simon J. Kelly. All packages for delivery in Lowell are sent to the basement where they are assorted and packed in boxes, according to the section of the city they are to be sent to. As soon as each auto or team returns to the office after completing a route it is reloaded and again started off without any delay. In this way the packages are not allowed to pile up in the office.

An equally effective system has been inaugurated in the mailing division. Pre-cancelled stamps are used on all parcels, thus saving an extra handling of the mail. The mailing division, the second floor has been given more space by placing tables in the corridors. Now bags have been hung out into the street to mail the larger packages. The outgoing mail is sent to the mailing division on the elevated, properly distributed and dispatched as soon as possible.

The bad walking has placed an additional burden on the carriers. This together with the increase in the weight of the bags and the calls that they are obliged to make delay them in their work considerably so it is best not to be too hard on the postmen. It is a day of his duty call a letter "in this week."

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Special Delivery Packages
Special delivery packages are also on the increase this year. Turkey, chickens, butter and similar articles are invariably sent special delivery to prevent any opportunity of their spoiling in the mails. The postoffice department believes that the increase in the business this year is due largely to the prosperity of the country. However, in other years, special postal cards are now making a comeback, it is said.

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TEIPER MURDER CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of Joan Edward Teiper, charged with the murder of his mother, returned at 1:30 o'clock today to consider a verdict.

SUBMARINE OFF COAST OF NEW JERSEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A submarine moving south was observed about 100 miles off the New Jersey coast on Tuesday afternoon by the officers of the American steamship "Advance," which arrived here today from the Canal zone. The nationality of the under sea vessel was not learned.

42 BELOW AT BISMARCK, N. D.
BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 21.—Forty-two degrees below zero, the lowest temperature here in many years, was reported by the local weather bureau yesterday. Today's mark was within one degree of the state record for December—42 below, on Dec. 21, 1907.

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NEW BRITISH POLICIES

There is more behind Premier George's speech in parliament than appears on the surface. It was a very forcible declaration of England's determination to stand firmly against any peace that would not bring reparation and a guarantee of future peace; but it was also remarkable for proposed departures in domestic policy.

There is to be a nationalization of British shipping which would withdraw the entire British merchant marine from general commerce and place it under control of the government for war purposes. Thus American commerce may suffer very seriously through the withdrawal of British ships from American ports except so far as may be necessary to secure war supplies. In this emergency the merchant marine of the United States, which thus far exists chiefly on paper, would be in great demand.

Besides, there is to be a mobilization of labor in England, according to Premier George's plan and a division into essential and non-essential industries. No man will be forced into the army who will be of more use in turning out munitions at home.

Another announcement made by the premier was of great significance. It was to the effect that an imperial conference will soon be called to settle vital questions. This will co-ordinate the support of the colonies and result in more united and systematic action.

It is expected that as Premier George alluded to the Irish question as "a misunderstanding" he will submit it for settlement to the imperial conference. As all the colonies have repeatedly declared in favor of home rule for Ireland, such a conference would require but a short time to settle this question by putting the home rule measure into effect at once for the whole of Ireland, thus overruling the unreasonable objection of the Ulster minority which is amply provided for in the home rule act as it stands. Thus it is probable that Premier George will do in a brief period a great number of things that should have been done long ago, if there had been any man or set of men in England big enough to stop haggling and half-way measures and unite all the energies of the nation for the successful prosecution of the war.

The new premier may retrieve in a great measure much of the military prestige which England has lost through stupid blunders, as he says, through lack of prompt decision in the councils directing the war.

HELPING THE WAR STRICKEN

This is a time when the hearts of millions of people in this country turn in sympathetic yearning to the suffering millions in the war stricken nations of Europe and Asia Minor. First among the number as appealing to our sympathy is gallant little Belgium, which has had to suffer not only the ravages of war but the imposition of war taxes so heavy that it is marvelous how they can be met by the poor people. But on the heels of all this infamy comes the still higher crime of deportation of the able-bodied men of Belgium in open violation of all laws, human and divine.

This country has responded liberally to the appeal for Belgian relief; but out of \$227,000,000 disbursed by the Belgian Relief commission only \$10,000,000 was contributed by the United States. That would not about ten cents a head of our population, which is small compared to what some other countries less prosperous than we are contributed. Thus Canadians gave at the rate of 18 cents each, New Zealand \$2.44 each, Tasmania \$3.25 each. Moreover of the \$227,000,000 contributed, \$125,000,000 was spent in this country for clothing and supplies for Belgium, so that if we contributed liberally we derived a return in the profits on the supplies sold the commission.

But the Belgian Relief represents but one of many funds liberally aided by the people of this country. The Poles suffered from starvation but there was difficulty in sending aid to them.

The Armenians and Syrians were persecuted by the Turk and about a million of them killed. The American relief to that fund amounted to over \$2,000,000. Various other funds were added in this country by tag days and public demonstrations which netted large sums. But in spite of all efforts to relieve the victims of the war there is still widespread suffering which not all the charity of the outer world can reach or relieve.

DR. MUNSTERBERG'S CASE

The late Professor Munsterberg apparently exercised his mind more with the problems of the European war than did some of the men engaged in it. With all his psychology, it was remarkable that he did not detect the symptoms of his own weakness and at least lower the mental pressure he had taken on. He seemed to take upon himself the stupendous task of settling the European war or at least of upholding the case of Germany against all attacks. He was certainly a loyal German, but he never claimed to be anything else and never became an American citizen. Like the late Herman Ridder of New York, he took on a sort of mental strain over the war

that could not fail to overthrow any man.

Professor Munsterberg seemed to have expressed himself too freely for a man in his position. Yet, rather than restrict his freedom of speech, President Lowell turned down a gift of ten million dollars made contingent upon the dismissal of Dr. Munsterberg. Had he accepted the gift, he would have been in the position of taking a bribe. He spurned the offer, giving the author a well deserved rebuke.

The professor filled a unique place in educational circles. He lectured and wrote a great deal that was not understood and it is doubtful if he left behind him as a result of his life work in psychic research anything more tangible than undemonstrated theories.

MUNICIPAL VAUDEVILLE

Mayor-elect Mullen of Everett has succeeded in getting the state army away from the local militia company for the inaugural exercises on New Year's night when the company had arranged to conduct its annual ball there. He appears to be a man who likes the sensational but if he had a proper sense of the fitness of things, he would allow the military ball to go on and hold the inaugural exercises earlier in the day. He evidently likes the spectacular since he wants an armory in which to induct a few rather obscure officials to the mysteries of municipal office. Perhaps it is the intention of Mayor-elect Mullen to have initiatory exercises in which the new members, including himself, will give an exhibition of their agility in riding the municipal goat. Following the same tactics during his term of office, Mayor Mullen can be relied upon to keep his little burg in the limelight by running a municipal vaudeville show. Lowell has had some unsavory experiences in that line.

FIRST STREET OVAL

Editor Sun:—Now that the First street boulevard proposition is being taken up, what becomes of the scheme for an athletic field there? The plan published some time ago was a good one and the central location would make it the most valuable athletic field in Lowell. Will our city officials see to it that this improvement be provided for in the laying out of the First street boulevard? It means a great deal for Lowell and for Centralville, which thus far has had no park but Varnum, which one of our athletes could jump over but which none is allowed to set foot upon.

The people of Centralville think it is their turn to receive some consideration.

Truly yours,

Centralville.

There is a good deal of truth in the above communication and if the lines of the boulevard can be so laid out that an athletic field can be provided for, the best interests not only of Centralville but of the entire city, would be served. Our city engineer and municipal council should give this matter their immediate attention.

CARRANZA BALKS

It is announced that Carranza is not inclined to sign the agreement reached by the commission representing the United States and Mexico which has been in session for some months past. There is a strong feeling in Mexico against the United States, and Carranza probably finds that it would be unpopular for him to enter into any agreement with the United States looking to the restoration of order in Mexico. Should Carranza finally refuse to sign the protocol, it will show that he has been insincere all along in his protestations of friendship for the United States. He will then be fully understood by the people of this country and he and Villa will be classed as two of a kind.

INEBRIATES BARRED

The Boston Elevated Railway Company has decided to bar intoxicated persons from its cars. In taking this step it has followed the lead of the Boston & Maine, the Boston & Albany, New York, New Haven and Hartford, Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroads. This will promote good order on the cars of the company and leave the inebriates either to walk home or put up at the police station. The same rule should be followed everywhere. It is a common occurrence on some cars leaving Lowell late at night that several intoxicated individuals keep up a continuous play of disorderly talk and even of profanity to the disgust of all the other passengers. In some cases the conductor is afraid to interfere.

DUMPING SNOW ON COMMONS

With all due respect to the contention of the park department, we do not think it would do the commons very much harm if Commissioner Morse did dump snow upon them. The

snow may carry some filth from the street or it may even contain salt spread around the railway tracks, but in spite of this, it would seem that the damage done to the commons might be easily repaired at perhaps one-tenth of the cost of carting the snow to a distance. It must be remembered that carting anything at the present time is a very expensive operation.

SHINGLED ROOF MENACE

The question of gradually getting rid of the wooden shingle by replacing it with some fireproof material or at least a material that is less inflammable may prove expensive, but if carried out, it would ultimately result in much benefit to our city. There is no doubt that the shingled roof is a great fire menace, while in many cases it has been responsible for conflagrations that wiped out whole cities. It would indeed be highly creditable to the city of Lowell if the shingled roof were a thing of the past.

STILL DEPORTING

Reports from Belgium still show that Germany keeps up her campaign to clear the unfortunate country of able-bodied men. The men firmly resist signing any register declaring that they go voluntarily. Germany is endeavoring to make it appear that all the men thus deported are going of their own free will to find employment at good wages. This lie has been contradicted so often that it would seem folly to repeat it again. The scheme is one of deliberate enslavement in open violation of international law, however disguised.

JOHN H. MURPHY'S PROMOTION

Former Secretary John H. Murphy, of the board of trade, has been elected treasurer of the new Morris bank soon to be opened in this city. During his years of service in connection with

THE WONDERFUL FRUIT-MEDICINE

Thousands Owe Health And Strength To "Fruit-a-tives"

"FRUIT-A-TIVES", the marvellous medicine made from fruit juices—has relieved more cases of Stomach, Liver, Blood, Kidney and Skin Troubles than any other medicine. In severe cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Pain in the Back, Impure Blood, Neuralgia, Chronic Headaches, Chronic Constipation and Indigestion, "Fruit-a-tives" has given unusually effective results. By its cleansing, healing powers on the eliminating organs, "Fruit-a-tives" tones up and invigorates the whole system.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

the board of trade Mr. Murphy proved himself to be a young man of sound judgment, aggressive character and indefatigable persistence in whatever he undertakes. We predict for Mr. Murphy in his new position a degree of success fully equal to that which he attained in the board of trade.

Seen and Heard

Father is broke—Bat.

The guy who ate 10 hamburger sandwiches doesn't need a prize—he needs a deodorizer.

No argument, sir no argument—we admit that The Sun is the greatest pa-

per and the greatest advertising medium in Lowell.

Automobile Plates

In commenting on the new design of the automobile plates which will be seen on automobiles of the state shortly, an exchange says: "The new number tag, with its change of proportions and arrangement, certainly looks novel to the eye accustomed to many years to the old familiar type. Whether or not one likes it, it is impossible to say, until the novelty has worn off. Something has been gained in ease of reading, by running the name of the state lengthwise instead of up and down, as hitherto. The figures are taller and are, therefore, more easily readable, a thing important with the growing size of numbers. Also, the plate seems to be shorter, because it is taller. Perhaps it really isn't. For I have noticed that an ordinary plate, with one or two numbers on it, looks shorter than one with six. Sight is deceptive in those things. The alternation of blue and white is kept about the year which is well, since blue and white, which are the Massachusetts colors in everything, by the way, has come to be recognized as our color."

Was Fine Young Man

Rarely has the death of a young man in Lowell left a greater void than was left by the passing away, on Dec. 14, of Edward A. Keleher of 17 Crane's avenue, at the early age of 21. Deceased was a graduate of St. Patrick's academy and at the time of his death was clerk at the Saco-Lowell shops. Throughout his school career and in brief space of later life he was beloved by teachers, friends and associates and his high character and winning personality set him apart as an influence for good. At one of the reunions of the academy he spoke before the alumni and the class of '13 and made a splendid impression. There was a great showing of sorrow at his untimely passing away and his bereaved family was in part sustained by the tributes of love and memory from the many, friends and neighbors. His was a short but exemplary life and he will long be remembered by his family and friends.

Pure Food Law

Our attention has been called to the fact that the familiar legend on food and drug packages, "Guaranteed by Manufacturer, Under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906," is disappearing from labels now used. A method for guaranteeing foods and drugs that will be less misleading to the public has been provided by the officials in charge of the enforcement of the act. Manufacturers may guarantee their products on the invoice, or bill of sale, but they are not permitted hereafter to make it on the label. This does not apply to labels already in use. The form of the new guarantee will read: "We, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee that the articles of food listed herein are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the federal food and drugs act," etc. Originally it was provided that a manufacturer or wholesaler who desired to guarantee his products could file a general guarantee to that effect with the department of agriculture, receiving in return a serial number to be used upon his label. After this method had been in operation for some time it was found that it was misleading to the public, since consumers generally, and some retail dealers, assumed that the guarantee legend meant that a sample of the product had been examined by agents of the government, and guaranteed by the law. There never was any guarantee on the part of the government, although the public believed that there was. It should be added, however, that the requirement of such a guarantee has driven the bulk of adulterated foods and drugs from the market, so that the public has been indirectly protected by the government, as was intended in the act.

They Do Say

That it looks like a Merry Christmas.

That it is time to practice writing.

That "get busy" cures a deal of lassitude.

That Ernest Brown is flashing a real diamond.

That many a Santa Claus sled is already in use.

That Christmas presents are beginning to arrive.

That it is a wise giver who gives a useful present.

That the suit club didn't work very well in Lowell.

That the weather is very good for a sleigh ride party.

That the evening of Dec. 31 will be a busy one in Lowell.

That where there's a will there's a way to be a scrap.

That there are only three more days for peckle knitting.

That this is the weather when autos skid and heavy sleds stick.

That those who put wreaths in the window gadden the whole street.

That when men carry bundles cheerfully, Christmas is surely coming.

That the police will start a campaign against the larceny of newspapers.

That doing things with a vengeance is not always the pleasantest way.

That some alleged big men allow themselves to be jolled by slippers.

That it's wonderful how many people love us after we are dead and gone.

That the license commission has ruled to put the lid on in Lowell New Year's.

That Lowell teachers do uncommon work when they meet on "Common Ground."

That no matter how much of a grouch you may be, there's somebody worse off than you.

That it is useless, Peter, the Day

State will not take passengers on its snowplows.

That the great aim of some people is to take advantage of everybody and everything.

That it is a long time since business in the local stores was as good as at the present time.

That President Wilson is on the side of the angels who are coming to sing "Gloria in Excelsis."

That nobody ought to blame the baldheaded man for getting a toupee when the mercury is low.

That the pupils of St. Peter's parochial school entertained their parents in great style this afternoon.

That the marriage intentions book at city hall is a mute witness of much romance and tragedy and comedy.

That Charley Morse's idea of heaven is to take a gang of men to pave the moon and dig sewers all round it.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

BOY SCOUT AND ARMY PATTERN

KNIVES

\$1.00 to \$2.50

Here you will find a choice selection of pocket knives, for professional men, the mechanic and school children.

THE SPORTSMAN'S SHOP

Lull & Hartford

34 PRESCOTT STREET

The Thompson Hardware Co.

We Invite You to Buy Your Christmas Presents of Us

We Suggest a Few Articles from Thousands We Have to Select From

Gillette Safety MECCANO

A GILLETTE RAZOR will make a man smile and be happy. There is nothing you can give a man that will please him more. Get a Gillette and Auto-Stop Safety Razors also.

ERECTOR

\$1.00 to \$15.00

CUTLERY

A good knife always makes an acceptable present. We have an elegant line to select from. 10c to \$10.00.

Shears and Scissors of every description.

Sawyer Sets and Manicure Sets.

CARVING KNIVES—A splendid present. Prices from 75c to \$25.

Special Bird Carvers, 60c pair.

VACUUM BOTTLES, \$1 upward—We have an elegant line for all purposes. This will make a fine present for your automobile friend.

FIREPLACE GOODS—Andirons, Screens, Shovels and Tongs. Everything for the fireplace.

WATCHES—The Leonard Watch and Rogers. \$1.50 and upwards.

FOOT WARMERS—For Auto Use. Cold weather means nothing if you have one of these. No smoke, no dust, no odor; burns eight to 16 hours.

TOOL BENCHES & CABINETS

TOOL CHESTS

In oak and leather; just the thing for a fine present for your machinist friend.

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The meeting of the council at which the resolution was passed was attended by members of parliament, university professors and representatives of peace organizations.

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an order, he wanted to go on record as being in favor of the raise.

The meeting was called promptly at 10, with the mayor presiding and Commissioners Morse and Donnelly present. Commissioner Putnam came in later, but Commissioner Duncan was not present during the meeting.

A notification was received from the clerk of the superior court for the drawing of four jurors for superior court, Cambridge, first Monday in January, and the following names were drawn by Commissioner James E. Donnelly:

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Patrick H. Barry, 13 Sycamore street.

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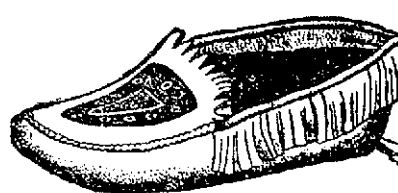
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Cure for District Chiefs

Commissioner Putnam said he has not given the type of cure for district chiefs sufficient attention but he was ready to put in an order for two cars, specifications to be furnished later.

Commissioner Morse said that he did not vote yesterday for a touring car, and Mr. Putnam said that he is not entirely sure that touring cars would be desirable. Commissioner Morse said he is not in favor of touring cars, but Mayor O'Donnell said that while he does not recommend four-passenger cars, he understands that they have them in Holyoke and Springfield and are getting them in Boston.

Commissioner Putnam said he has not yet talked with chief or district chiefs and is not ready to supply specifications as to the best type of cars. No action was taken at that time.

New High School Bids

The following letter on the calling for bids for the new high school was received from a committee of local contractors and read:

Dec. 20th, 1916.

Mr. James E. Donnelly, Commissioner of Public Property, Lowell, Mass.
Dear Sir: At a meeting of Lowell contractors it was voted unanimously to send you the following communication:

On account of the uncertainty of the method which the municipal council may adopt in the matter of receiving bids for the addition to the Lowell high school, we would respectfully request that you grant an extension of time for the receipt of such bids from December 25, 1916, to such further time as you can definitely state what method the municipal council may adopt.

The reasons which we desire to set forth for this extension of time are as follows: The municipal council having requested an opinion from the city solicitor on questions raised by the school board relative to their authority or power in the matter of awarding contracts on this building, which opinion has not as yet been rendered. The municipal council having by vote directed the city solicitor to draft a bill to the general court, requesting authority to appoint a commission who will have full charge of the erection, completion of the above named building and for the further reason that there is not sufficient money to complete and erect this school.

There is now to the credit of the high school addition appropriation less than \$20,000 which shows an expenditure of more than \$20,000 from an original appropriation of \$70,000. We are of the opinion that it will take a larger amount of money than which is now on hand to erect and complete this building.

We would appreciate very much if you would bring this to the attention of the municipal council in the proper form to enable them to act on this action.

Respectfully yours,
John H. Johnson, Chairman,
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The Mayor's Version
Mayor O'Donnell said he sees no harm in extending the time for the

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A recess was taken until 10:45 a. m. A delegation consisting of John H. Johnson, Frederick F. Meloy, Daniel H. Walker and Edmund W. Douglas, was present but did not speak during the meeting. During recess, however, they argued in great detail with the mayor at an informal conference. The mayor defended the position he has taken from the first. The contractors intimated that the extension of time for 10 days will not help them, and said they do not care to bid on such a large proposition unless they see some possibility that their bids will be considered. They are wholly opposed to the idea of a general contract and said that it is not fair to expect them to bid if later their bids are thrown out. Mayor O'Donnell took the position that they ought to take the risks of their business.

After recess a communication was read from the park department favoring the inclusion of the small lot of land at the junction of Nesmith and Rogers street in the park system. It was placed on file with the understanding that it be acted on favorably later if there is no legal barrier.

The offer of the Locks and Canals relative to the leasing of land at Pawtucketville was again taken up and

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Increase for Firemen

Commissioner Putnam came out in favor of increasing the pay of the firemen of Lowell 10 per cent. He read a list of Massachusetts cities and the pay of their firemen. Of the 16 cities mentioned, 13 pay more than Lowell and two pay the same. No city of Massachusetts pays less than Lowell, said Mr. Putnam, and even where increases are pending the pay is greater than that of Lowell. He did not introduce an order to the effect but wanted to get on record as being in favor of a general increase of 10 per cent.

No action was taken on the matter. The list of cities read by Mr. Putnam gave present salary, increase granted and petitions for increase pending, as follows:

Cities	Present Salary	Increase	Pending
Brockton	\$1,200.00	\$200.00	
Chelsea	1,200.00	175.00	
Somerville	1,200.00	125.00	
Haverhill	1,140.82	182.50	
Worcester	1,085.00	182.50	
Lowell	1,000.00		
Fall River	1,000.00		\$100.00
New Bedford	1,000.00		91.25
Lyons	1,000.00		182.50
Newton	1,000.00		
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ANTI-WAR COUNCIL ACTS

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 21.—The Netherlands anti-war council, at a meeting attended by many prominent persons, passed a resolution which was cabled to the belligerent governments and sent to all foreign ministers at The Hague, imploring the warring powers not to allow the possibility of peace negotiations to pass. The resolution declares that the chief war aim of all the fighting nations being apparently a wish to protect themselves and the rest of the world against future wars, an understanding is not wholly impossible. It calls attention to the fact that the leading statesmen of Great Britain, France and Germany have repeatedly avowed a willingness to join an international peace league and that thus a safeguard is obtainable that right instead of might may govern international relations in the future and Europe be delivered from militarism.

"We beseech the belligerent governments and peoples," the resolution says, "to make at least an endeavor to discover whether an agreement is possible now with a view to the establishment of a just and durable peace and a free Europe."

The meeting of the council at which the resolution was passed was attended by members of parliament, university professors and representatives of peace organizations.

Furniture Suggestions

For Your Christmas Gift

- TABOURETTES 48c to \$3.00
- RUSSELL'S CARPET SWEETERS \$2.75
- FOOT RESTS \$2.50 to \$8.00
- SPECIAL—Round Game Tables, wood or cloth top..... \$4, \$4.50
- UTILITY BOXES \$4.00 to \$6.00
- SOLID MAHOGANY TIP TOP TABLES..... \$12.00 to \$20.00
- BRASS SMOKERS' SETS \$3.50
- MAGAZINE STANDS \$1.50 to \$9.00
- SERVING TRAYS \$3.00
- TELEPHONE STANDS \$5.00 to \$18.00
- CHILDREN'S RATTAN ROCKERS \$1.75 to \$6.00
- OAK ARM CHAIRS, leather seat \$8.50
- RATTAN CHAIR or ROCKER, cushion seat and back. \$12.00 to \$18.00

Always the

WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MACHINE GUN

A shooting demonstration of the Lewis machine gun, to take place at the South Lowell range of the plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, will be given by Colonel John J. Dooley, formerly of the U. S. Cartridge Co. This demonstration was arranged by Capt. Thomas B. Doe, manager of the U. S. Cartridge Co., for the instruction of the Lowell Business Men's battalion.

History of Gun

The Lewis gun is the invention of Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, U.S.A., now retired. After years of experimentation he succeeded about 1910 in completing his first rough model of the gun and at once offered it to the United States government as a gift. The government declined to accept the gift.

The offer was repeated in 1911, when Colonel Lewis, then a major in the coast artillery, had made some slight improvements in the gun. Major Lewis is then assuring Colonel Wood, then chief of the general staff, that in the event of the government adopting his gun he "would not expect to receive any profit for his interest in the invention." Colonel Lewis is a graduate of West Point. His attitude then was that as a West Pointer and an officer whatever he was able to accomplish in a military way belonged to

the government, and in offering his gun to the war department he was merely doing his duty, while showing in a practical way his appreciation of the technical education the government had given him.

For two years Colonel Lewis tried to give the United States the Lewis gun. Finally he became disheartened and asked to be retired from active service. This was after an army career extending over a period of more than thirty-six years. He was retired and went to England. In November, 1913, the Lewis gun had a field test at Risley in the presence of highest ranking officers of the British ordnance department, the chief official present being Major Gen. Sir Stanley Branton von Donop, master general of ordnance of the British army.

The British promptly accepted the gun and pronounced it the greatest machine gun yet invented. Today more machine guns of the Lewis type are turned out every week in England than of all the types the ordnance department of the United States army has supplied to our service in the whole fourteen years that General Crozier has been at the head of that bureau. Six years ago the United States could have had the gun for nothing. Now, if it finally adopts the gun, it will have to pay a royalty on every gun obtained.

In April of this year after the gun

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A Wide Selection of Men's Gifts from 25c to \$25

Men's Silk Ties—Of imported and domestic silk, open end shapes in the newest designs. 50c to \$2.00

Mufflers (Silk and Knitted)—For skating, motor and general wear. \$1 to \$5

Plain Colored Mercerized and Flannelette Pajamas—In white, blue and tan. \$1 to \$2

Men's Shirts—All of fine quality materials and exclusive patterns. \$1 to \$2

Men's Belts—Of border cowhide, detachable and attached buckles. All sizes. 25c to \$1.15

Men's Handkerchiefs—An exceptionally fine line of silk and linen handkerchiefs, 5c to \$1.00

Evening Dress Sets, Scarf Pins, Pocket Knife and Watch (combined), Chain, Links, Studs, etc., made of highest quality pearl, gold and silver.

Men's Silk Shirts—Custom made, of best quality silks. Style, fit and materials guaranteed. \$2.50 to \$5

Men's Gloves—Mocha and kid in all the popular shades. Lined and unlined. \$1 to \$3

Fur lined gloves. \$4.25 to \$6

Men's Collars—The stock of soft and starched collars we have surely must contain the style "he" wears. 15c to 25c

Men's Sweaters—All styles, colors and sizes. \$2.50 to \$9.50

Men's Overcoats—Stylish, warm, man-sized overcoats, tailoring and materials the best. \$12.50 to \$25

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had been in operation on the British front in France ever since the great war started and had won golden opinion there, while the Benet-Mercier weapon in general use in the United States army had fallen in for general criticism largely as a result of the Villa raid in Columbia. General Crozier held a machine gun test preliminarily to officially recognizing a type of such weapon as most suitable to the needs of the army. The guns tested were the Benet-Mercier and the Vickers. General Crozier afterwards stated that in these tests the Benet-Mercier and the Vickers were shown to be the best weapon, and the Lewis gun "performed badly." The other two guns were accepted as satisfactory and the Lewis gun was rejected.

Wood Likes Gun

Following the rejection of the Lewis gun by the Crozier board, Major Gen. Leonard Wood, as commanding officer of the eastern department of the army, who is one of the Lewis gun's strongest advocates, and does not endorse the findings of the board appointed by General Crozier, appointed another board to test the Lewis gun in competition with the service Benet-Mercier.

This board, of which Major Halstead Dorey, the captain, was president, met at Plattsburg this summer and subjected the two types of gun to a series of tests as thorough and rigid as any ever imposed in any similar tests in the history of the army. The Benet-Mercier guns were in charge of an officer who is admittedly an expert in the handling of that weapon, while the firing of the Lewis gun was directed by a representative of the company now manufacturing the Lewis guns in the United States.

The Dorey board reported back to General Wood that in the matter of mobility, the two guns were about equal, but that the "superiority of the Lewis gun in every other particular was clearly demonstrated."

Of this more later. At the present moment the machine gun situation in the United States army may be summed up as follows: The ordnance department refuses to admit the peculiar advantages which other ordnance experts accord the Lewis gun and persists in maintaining that it is inferior to the French Benet-Mercier, and the British Vickers. On the other hand the board appointed by General Wood maintains that in every respect but one the Lewis gun is superior to the Benet-Mercier, and that it is the equal of the gun in the exception referred to.

Recently the Lewis gun has undergone extensive trials in the presence of army officers on the board. As a result of these tests the gun is reported to have been endorsed within the last few weeks, by Major Gen. Funston, Brig. Gen. Pershing, and several other high ranking officers now on border duty.

REV. J. H. TRASK DEAD
MELROSE, Dec. 21.—Rev. James H. Trask, aged 76, a retired Methodist Episcopal clergyman and civil war veteran, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 302 West Emerson st.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

HUB POSTMASTER SAYS "AIR MAIL" NOT FAR OFF

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—There is a possibility that before another Christmas, delivery of gifts "a la Santa Claus" may be in full operation, according to Postmaster William F. Murray, who predicted yesterday that the day of aerial postal transportation is not far off.

"I have just returned from a visit to Washington, where I had a talk with Second Asst. Postmaster General Praeger," Mr. Murray said, "and learned that the postoffice officials are watching the development of the airplane with a view of making an immediate use of it in the department."

"Advertisements were issued during the past year inviting bids for airplane service and one route was contemplated for Massachusetts," Mr. Murray could not say whether the first line would be between this city and New York, or between New York and Chicago.

"The matter would probably have to be determined by the air currents and their effects upon aerial navigation," he said. For instance, the air currents near the ocean might be found to have a different effect upon schedules than those of the inland.

"I believe that the development of the airplane will be even more rapid than that of the automobile. The

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Trimmed Hats. \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 Each

Untrimmed Shapes. 98c, \$1.49, \$1.88

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recent achievements of Miss Ruth Law and others have demonstrated that airplanes can come great distances on a relatively short time. Basing our judgment upon these achievements and the general progress of the past few years, it is not too much to expect that airplane mail service is a certainty for the near future.

"In this connection let me say that I am heartily in favor of using any method available for expediting and advancing the deliveries of mail. There has been a good deal of misrepresentation relative to my attitude concerning the pneumatic mail tubes, but in spite of that the fact remains that I will endorse any method which secures more rapid deliveries for the department."

VOTES TO SELL DANISH WEST INDIES

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 21.

After a single reading the Folketing yesterday adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 99 in favor of and 16 against ratification. Five members were absent. The bill came up for discussion 14 members, of whom six were conservatives and eight of the Left party. joined in moving an amendment asking the government to negotiate with the United States to purchase only St. John or St. Thomas, while Denmark would retain the other two islands. This was rejected by 30 to 14. The proposal for the sale of all three islands was then adopted.

The Landsting, it is expected, will ratify the proposal today and thus the sale of the islands will be definitely settled.

EX-PRES. TAFT GREETED AT FALL RIVER

SPOKE AT LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE DAY EXERCISES—THOUSANDS RESPONDED TO CALL.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—In response to the proclamation issued by Mayor James H. Kay, yesterday was Fall River's League-to-Enforce-Peace day. Thousands of the city's population responded to the call.

William H. Taft, ex-president of the United States and president of the National League to Enforce Peace, came here to speak and was tendered a hearty reception.

Ex-President Taft arrived here from New Bedford at 3.30 and after greeting a committee of citizens at the rooms of the chamber of commerce, spoke to more than 1600 pupils of the Thurston high and Technical schools.

Later he visited the home of Judge James M. Morton, Jr., of the United States district court and will be his guest during his stay here.

Last night, ex-President Taft was tendered a dinner at the Quaker-hall club by a committee of 160 citizens. Following the reception at the club, he addressed the newly naturalized citizens of the city in Music hall. Mayor Kay presided. The principal speech was made by John P. Robert, ex-representative from the 8th Bristol district.

The biggest meeting of the night was at the state armory, where nearly 3000 persons assembled to hear Mr. Taft deliver his address on the peace league. Judge Morton presided.

WATERTOWN GIRL OF 5 DIED OF ACIDOSIS

WATERTOWN, Dec. 21.—Mary Ryan, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan of 62 Riverside street, died yesterday of what the attending physician says was acidosis. The disease created much excitement in Greater Boston about a year ago, when a number of children died of it, the deaths at first being attributed to poisoning by Christmas candy.

There was considerable talk about the Ryan child's illness, which was said to be infantile paralysis. The child was taken ill early Monday morning, and despite all that medical aid could do, continued to fail. There have been no other cases of the disease reported in Watertown.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court City of Lowell, Foresters of America, was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. There was a large attendance. The principal business being the election of officers for the ensuing term which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Henry J. McEvoy; sub chief ranger, John Ramey; financial secretary, Patrick McGilly; recording secretary, Geo.

R. McKenna; senior woodward, Charles H. Richards; junior woodward, Daniel McGowan; senior lance, Thomas Connors; junior leader, Michael Gillman; lecturer, Lott Healey. The choice of a treasurer and physician was put over until the next meeting.

Lowell Commandery, Knights of Malta, met in regular session Tuesday night, Sir Knight Commander Arthur E. DeLong presiding. The sick committee submitted a report as did the ladies' night committee which stated that the annual event would be held either at the last meeting in January or the first in February. Past Commander George P. B. Bowring was appointed degree master for the Red Cross degree and he will select his staff in a very short time. The degree work will be worked on the last Sunday afternoon in January. The attendance contest was tried out for the first time and Companion Orrin Whitler was the winner. At the next meeting the contest will be on again and the entertainment committee will furnish refreshments. A communication from the grand commandery stated that a Malta night will be held on Wednesday evening, January 19. Space will be reserved for all companions and ladies. A committee consisting of Past Commanders John A. Lamberton, Henry Wisbey and Geo. P. B. Bowring and Companions Nelson C. Hill and Robert Smith will have charge of the Lowell delegation. Anyone wishing to go can procure tickets from them at a future date.

Lowell Man Now Tells The Story

Claims the New Herbal Remedy, Plant Juice, Has Restored His Health

Conditions, the result of the modern method of living, cause many people to seek relief by going out into the country and living close to nature; but the big majority cannot do this; they are forced by their environment, to continue their daily occupations, suffering untold tortures, until finally their aches and ill assume such serious tendencies that they have to give up altogether.

Plant Juice, the new herbal stomach remedy, is designed to meet just such needs. It has done more for men and women of American cities than any other medicine ever placed on the market. It is no longer necessary for debilitated people to go to the country to get a return of the vitality of nature to their bodies; the same is supplied directly and effectively in Plant Juice. It contains the medicinal and life-giving herbs of forest, field and plain—the vitalizing juices which the soil gives forth—nature's own remedy to man.

Every day more and more people are coming to realize the truth of this assertion, as verified by the signed testimonials of well known local people. Recently the signed testimonial of Mr. James Smith, who lives at No. 36 Fourth street, Lowell, and is a well known carpenter and contractor of this city, was received. Mr. Smith has hosts of friends and is also a prominent member of the Carpenters' union. He said:

"Four years I have been troubled with indigestion, could not keep any solid food in my stomach as it fermented and caused gas to form; I suffered agony after eating anything; had heartburn, aches, was constipated, had headache, and was very dizzy at times; black spots would come up before my eyes, and I could hardly see anything. I had terrible pains in my chest and side, and was so nervous I could never sleep at night. I heard of Plant Juice and since taking it for several weeks I am feeling well and can eat anything I want and digest it. Mr. Cudworth, of No. 64 Grand street, who had been greatly benefited by Plant Juice, advised me to try it, and I am certainly glad that I took his advice as it is the best medicine I have ever used."

The Plant Juice Man is at The Doves Drug Store, in Merrimack Square, where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.

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== \$1.00 A WEEK ==

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Wool plush, wool velour, zibelines and plush. \$9.75 to \$29.50

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A Table Full of Different Styles of Lingerie Waists. 98c

WATCHES

FOR \$1.00 A WEEK

Waltham and Hamilton movements, in guaranteed cases. Both men's and ladies'. \$15 to \$37.50

JEWELRY

Bracelets, Pendants and Chains. \$2.75 to \$5.00

First payment after Jan. 1st.

DIAMOND RINGS

Ladies' and men's, in Tiffany, helcher and fancy settings. \$1.00 A Week

MEN'S DEPT. First Floor

OVERCOATS

Our racks are full; every description to pick from. Navy, gray and mixture coats.

\$12.50 to \$25.00

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SUITS

We have sold more suits than ever before, because we have the selections of price and style. Blue serges as well as mixtures.

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FURS—A Princely Gift

Black fox, pointed fox, natural opossum, ravelynx, Bulgarian coat, coney. \$5.95 to \$23.75

Children's Sets—Ermine, coney, blue hare, white thibet, lamb. \$1.98 to \$5.98

Boys' Dept.

SUITS—Blue serges and mixtures. \$2.95 to \$6.50

OVERCOATS. \$5.95 to \$10.00

MACKINAW. \$4.95 to \$6.50

TOQUES and CAPS. 50c to \$1.00

GERMANY FAILS TO KEEP WORD TO AMERICA

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Tagesschau regarding the reference made in the house of commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Capt. Blakie of the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans.

"The German government has now taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine war—that these vessels before being torpedoed must be stopped and examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such even when Americans are on board."

"We now have facilities for extending the under sea boat war which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

Mr. Bonar Law in his statement in the house of commons on Tuesday said Germany had given assurance that Capt. Blakie would not share the fate of Capt. Fryatt of the British steamer Brussels, who was executed after conviction on the charge that his vessel had attempted to ram a German submarine. Germany, the chancellor stated, considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser and that Capt. Blakie in attempting to ram the under sea boat was merely performing his duty.

Special: Pendants \$1 to \$25.—Ricard's

PRESENTED GOLD BRACELET

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McGee of 189 Mr. Hope street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Tuesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Christina E. McGee, was surprised by a number of her friends, the occasion being the 15th anniversary of her birth. Mr. Frank O'Shea, in behalf of those present, presented Miss McGee a beautiful gold bracelet. Although taken by surprise the young

woman responded in a fitting manner. A delightful musical program was given. Mr. John Jarrett and Miss Roxina Kingham being the accompanists of the evening. The success of the affair was due to the efforts of Miss Mary Hannan.

MAY ASK RECOUNT OF LICENSE VOTE

FITCHBURG, Dec. 21.—A recount of the vote on the liquor license question is expected to be sought by the Liquor Dealers' association.

John C. McManus, president of the association, stated yesterday that a petition for a recount is being considered and that the chances are that such a petition will be filed.

The dry plurality was 74, two more than the wet margin last year.

The no-license forces are jubilant. There is gloom among the liquor dealers, who believe in open saloons.

There are at least 57 varieties of reasons being given as to the cause of the overthrow of the saloons. The most prominent opinion expressed by close observers is that the energetic campaign waged by the Fitchburg Anti-Saloon league with the aid of business men and manufacturers who in other years were on the fence, made dry votes.

Billy Sunday, in the opinion of many, had as much to do about the result as he did in Boston.

Communion sets.—At Ricard's.

MATRIMONIAL

Joseph P. Gundersen of West Newton and Miss Harriet R. Ferguson of this city were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher at his home, 221 Foster street. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lillian Ferguson, while the best man was Archie Henley of West Newton. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister and in the evening the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon trip through the state of New Hampshire.

Chests of silver.—At Ricard's.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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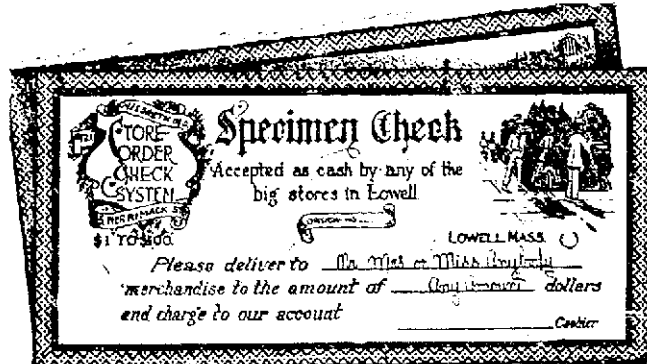
Or any kind of a shop, and you make your weekly payment to us at \$1.00 a week and buy where you like and what you like. This Order Check will be given to you for any amount, and the stores will sell you anything you want.

This Xmas season thousands of women and girls are using the Order Check for credit on the best shops.

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Suits	Ladies' Waists	Diamonds	Silverware	Hosiery
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Pictures	Ladies' Gloves	Manicure Sets	Art Embroideries	Sporting Goods
Tableware	Handkerchiefs	Leather Goods	Laces	Sweaters
Linen	Ladies' Neckwear	Children's Clothing	Bracelets	Smokers' Articles
Vacuum Cleaners	Fur Coats	Pendants	Fine Stationery	Photographs
Ladies' Shoes	Fur Gloves	Signet Rings	Furniture	Carpets and Rugs
Perfumes	Overcoats	Military Sets	Ribbons and Veilings	Underwear
Kimono	Bath Robes	Towels and Blankets	Infants' Wear	Cameras
Negligees	Neckwear	Children's Toys	Cuff Links	Books
				Hardware

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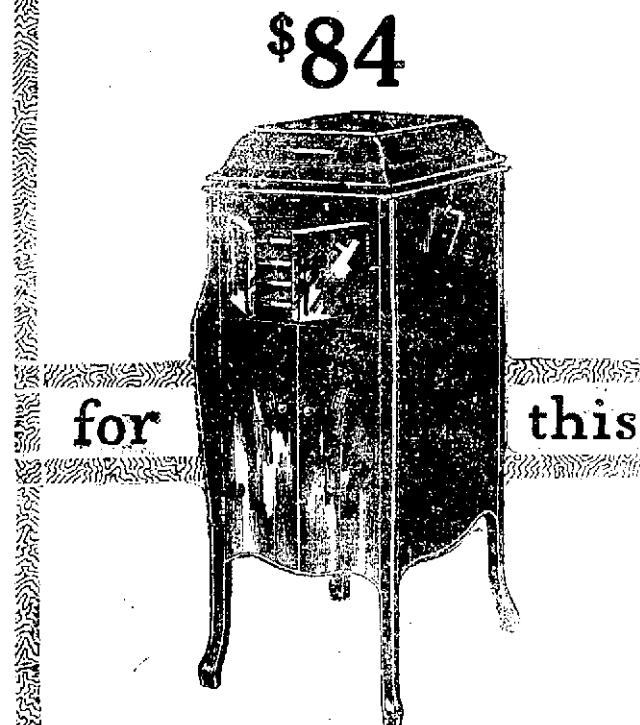
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Victrola X (Mahogany or oak) . . . \$75.

Twelve 10-inch 75c double-faced Victor Records (24 selections) \$84.

Perhaps you are surprised to learn that you can get one of the "cabinet" Victrolas, and a dozen double-faced records to suit your own taste, for so little money.

This style Victrola is much in demand, as it provides the most popular features of construction for a small outlay of money.

Come in today, have us play some records for you, and inquire about our convenient terms.

Other styles of the Victor and Victrola \$10 to \$400.

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RECORD RUSH TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Never before in its history has Lowell spent so much money for Christmas gifts. The nation-wide prosperity is being daily reflected here. Never before has the procession of shoppers been so incessant. Downtown store managers in practically all lines vouch for this. The same story holds good in other cities. Some cities are inclined to attribute it to the development of the Christmas fund idea, thrift clubs, etc. But we have no thrift club here. The Madison Trust Co. has formed one for next year, but there was none this year. The fact remains, however, that a great many merchants, even in cities as big as Boston, have expressed the belief that thrift clubs and Christmas clubs, meaning one and the same thing, are in a great measure responsible for the great increase in Christmas shopping this year. The store people welcome it, while the banks realize its value, and all their plans are laid for the 1917 Christmas drive.

The huge volume of business may be attributed, in smaller measure perhaps, to the profit-sharing plans that have been entered into within the year and the liberal advances which nearly every New England public service corporation and factory has lately made to its employees.

However it may be Mr. General Public's pocket is more than lined, and even if it was, and consequently, so is the dairy purse of Mrs. and Miss Public.

NOTES FROM Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM

The local Association Physical Department has had the most successful fall term in years. The fall term classes will close Saturday evening and the winter term classes will start Tuesday, January 2nd. Classes will not meet during Christmas week. Classes and activities have been better attended and greater interest has been shown this season than heretofore.

In the weekly competitive sports for Seniors, F. W. Kelley finished the winner, and will be the recipient of the Gold Medal award on New Year's day. The Silver Medal will go to A. H. Fletcher, and the Bronze Medal to C. McCarthy.

The following nine competitors will be awarded the Association Athletic Emblem: 1. F. W. Kelley, 1671 points; 2. A. H. Fletcher, 1517 points; 3. C. McCarthy, 1397 points; 4. R. Carter, 1332 points; 5. J. Hurley, 1160 points; 6. E. Touhey, 1152 points; 7. D. Makris, 1100 points; 8. E. P. Chaput, 1054; 9. E. Cochrane, 1010 points.

The standing of the first five com-

petitors in the Student Bi-Weekly Competitive Sports, which continue till February 10th, is as follows: A. Howard, 822 points; J. Thompson, 818 points; D. Hart, 595 points; R. Korzeniewski, 750 points; R. Hollingsworth, 655 points.

Employed Boys' Competitive Sports standing: A. Whitman, 882 points; F. Sawyer, 831 points; H. Sanders, 728 points; R. Burhan, 722 points; A. Lawson, 714 points.

Basket ball is receiving considerable attention among local members. The Young Men's League completed their schedule December 11th. The Vesper team, captained by C. Jessop, finished first; won five games and lost one. The second team, the Thirteen Club, captained by R. Peterson, won 3 and lost 3. The Cubs, captained by E. Edwards, won 2 and lost 4. The Braves, captained by J. Lawson, won 2 and lost 4.

The Young Men's League will be reorganized on Monday evening, January 8th, at 8:45. The standing in the Employed Boys' Basketball league to date is as follows: The Crescents, captained by J. Harrison, won 5 and lost none; the Grants, captained by A. Lawson, won 4 and lost 1; the Orioles, captained by D. Burns, won 1 and lost 4. Dart, captained by F. Sawyer, won none, lost 5.

Standing in the Student Basketball

league: Vikings, captained by R. G. Falls, won 4, lost 1; the Vics, captained by R. Korzeniewski, won 3, lost 2; the Runners, captained by D. Hart, won 2, lost 3; the Indians, captained by A. Howard, won none, lost 5.

GREAT BRITAIN TO TAKE LAND FOR CROPS

COMMISSIONER IF NECESSARY—WAS COMMITTEES WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO PRODUCE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The steps which the government intends to take to increase production of foodstuffs within the kingdom was explained to a meeting of agriculturists yesterday by Rowland E. Prothero, president of the board of agriculture.

He said that in the first place it was intended to fix the contract price for home-grown wheat at 60 shillings, and that similar action would be taken in regard to the potatoes, oats, and barley, the prices for which are now under consideration.

Surveys are now being carried out to

ascertain the land at present idle or insufficiently cultivated and to have it cultivated to the fullest extent. It was announced that in every county a war agricultural committee would be appointed with lists of the products most essential and would be told what they were expected to grow. These committees would have the power to acquire land by compulsion if necessary, and a system of credit would be established.

"We are a beleaguered city," said Mr. Prothero, "and must act in the fullest consciousness of that fact."

SEWER BUILDING IN THE WINTER MONTHS

Commissioner Charles J. Morse is nothing daunted by the winter weather, even though he has two big sewer projects on hand. The Appleton street sewer and that on Varnum avenue, to drain the contagious hospital. While he admits that in some ways sewer work is more costly in winter than in summer, he says that blasting can be done more

easily when there is frost in the ground. Appleton street is ledge the entire length and there is a great deal of ledge on Varnum avenue. Mr. Morse is ready to start the Appleton street job, and the street railway has got busy on the laying of temporary tracks to serve the people of the Highlands. In the sewer jobs two air compressors will be used, which will operate four jack-screws, hand drills and possibly steam drills. "If I am going to pave Appleton street next summer," said Mr. Morse, "I will have to start on that sewer at once." He has on hand about 250,000 four-inch granite blocks but that will not be nearly enough to complete the Appleton street job.

AMERICAN WEDS PARIS GIRL

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Paul Rockwell, formerly of the foreign legion and brother to Kiffin Rockwell, the American aviator who was recently killed on the French front, was married yesterday to Jeanne Lejeune, daughter of Georges Lejeune, former minister of public instruction. The ceremony was quiet as both families are in mourning. Witnesses for the bride were Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies, and Gen. Rupprecht, for the bridegroom, Vicomte du Aveloux and Sergt. McConnell, an American aviator with the French army.

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HIGHLAND CLUB CABARET

A most enjoyable entertainment was held at the Highland club last night, the occasion being one of those gatherings which the members have now and then, on no specified date. Last night it took the form of a cabaret and the entertainers furnished a program which was highly enjoyed.

Luncheon was served in the dance hall and while the men ate—of course it was a stag party—the girls sang and danced. An added attraction was Fred Gravel of Jamaica Plain who performed a number of magic. The cabaret entertainers were the Misses Frances Feeley, Alice Tuttle, Alice Montague and Sadie Perry. Brother Jack's orchestra furnished music.

As one steamship man put it: "At the first place, the construction, the majority of the ships will not start to receive armament, and again, should they be ruled out of the United States ports, they could not go elsewhere of the American continent. Canadian ports have not adequate facilities and it would take years to provide for even half of the present United States business."

The ambassador was gratified especially that, in addition to providing substantial homes for the people of the village, all the money for the construction of the buildings would remain among the people who so sorely needed it. In fact, he said, what he saw about him only confirmed him in the belief that for economic reasons, if for no other, the reconstruction of at least the

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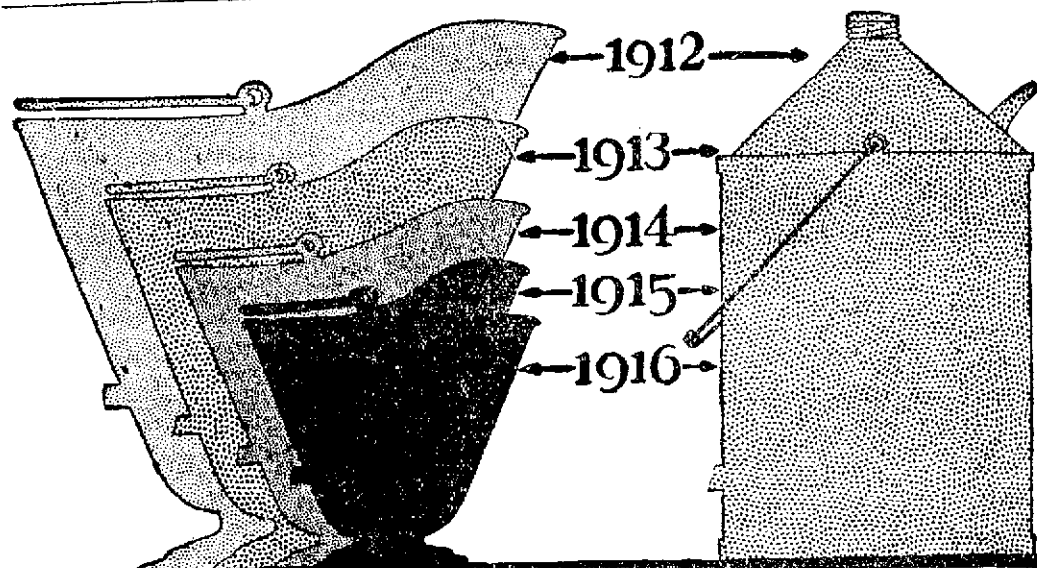


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GERMAN PAPERS NOW DEVOTE
ENTIRE ATTENTION TO LLOYD
GEORGE'S SPEECH

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via London, Dec.

21. --The Berlin press which comment
ed only fragmentarily on Premie
r Lloyd George's speech this morning
because only excerpts were available
now has the entire text and devote
its entire attention to the subject. Its
papers as a whole express little sur
prise at the British premier's attitude
although most of them wonder why he
believes that entering into a confer
ence would involve the entente a
shaking its head in a noose.

Lloyd George's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay an indemnity. (The "Economist," 1918, p. 338.)

"Lloyd George is not willing to negotiate or willing only in case that Germany will submit to England's demand as summarized in his utterance regarding restitution, reparation and reparations. This makes the chairman

between the English and German standpoint so broad that not even the most cheerful optimist can find a way to bridge it. Lloyd George, in stipulating the acceptance of his condition

The Tageblatt concludes by asking whether all possibilities of peace have vanished and answers its own question.

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BELGIAN REPLY TO NOTE SAYS FEW LUSITANIA DEPORTATION MEDALS DISPOSED OF

HAVRE, France, Dec. 20.—Replying to the note of Gen. von Bissing on the deportation of Belgians to Germany, where, it is alleged, they have been set at work upon military defenses or at labor that relieves German subjects for service at the front, the Belgian senators and deputies point out, in a communication published today, that Gen. von Bissing does not contest the brutality of the deportations and the scenes of despair resulting therefrom. They deny that the idleness of the Belgians is attributable to the isolation of the country by the act of the allies, and recall that England agreed to facilitate a supply of raw material for industries as well as food for the population, under diplomatic supervision.

"This was a guarantee," says the Belgian rejoinder, "too natural to be rejected, but it was refused and the project was necessarily abandoned under pressure from German manufacturers who, without doubt, anticipated the complete ruin of Belgian competition."

The reply says that if there are idle workers in Belgium it is because the German authorities used every means to deprive them of work and opposed the resumption of industry provided by private and public enterprises.

"Published decrees," the reply adds, "since Dec. 11, 1914, show how great a part of our national industry has been stripped methodically and paralyzed by the seizure and removal of tools, machines, raw material and material for textile products."

After recalling the proclamation of Gen. von Bissing at the outset of his administration in which he promised to restore peace and economic prosperity to the occupied regions, the reply concludes: "History will say what that restoration was and also that the demoralizing and depopulation of our occupied provinces for the profit of belligerent Germany has not been accomplished without resort to every means of oppression and the protestations of public conscience have echoed throughout the world."

DECREASE NUMBER OF TRAINS; INCREASE FARES

LONDON, Dec. 20.—With a view to curtailing travel and thus enabling British railways to use more rolling stock for war and food purposes, it has been decided to decrease after the first of the year the number of passenger trains and to increase fares 50 per cent. This will not apply to workmen's tickets or to season tickets for distances not exceeding 40 miles. This decision was announced by the government in the house of commons today.

INCREASED PRICE OF SISAL
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—American manufacturers of rope and twine have been notified of an increase of three cents a pound in the price of sisal, it was announced here today by the sisal regulating commission, which markets the Mexican crop.

ONE KILLED BY MINE EXPLOSION; 800 SAVED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 20.—The 800 men in the Edgewater mine of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., 12 miles from here, stampeded today when a gas explosion killed a slate picker and burned another man. It was at first reported that many had been entombed. With the appearance of rescue parties the men were gotten out from under the openings.

SCOTTY ALLEN MAKES RECORD WITH AERO SLED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Scotty Allen, three times winner of the Alaskan sweepstakes with a team of dogs, has established a new record for speed traveling in the frozen north by making the round trip from Nome to Valdez in little more than 10 days by means of an "aero sled." By dog teams the trip usually is made in about 30 days. The news of Allen's achievement became known here today with the arrival of Frank O'Connor, Nome agent of a steamship company.

Allen took the dogs to France for use in the battle front in the Vosges mountains and on his way back to Nome he purchased an engine and propeller, which he installed on a sled. His machine is described as a combination hydroaeroplane, airplane and sled with gasoline as the motive power.

LETTERS TO "SANTA CLAUS"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Thousands of letters addressed to "Santa Claus" appearing in the mails this week prompted the postoffice department today to remind all postmasters of the rule permitting the delivery of these communications to charitable institutions or reputable persons "who may desire to use them exclusively for philanthropic purposes." When letters bear no postage stamp and charitable organizations decline to pay the postage or when no request is made for the letters, they are to be sent to the dead letter office.

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NO SCARCITY OF RAGS AND OLD PAPER

OFFICERS OF WASTE MATERIAL DEALERS DISCUSS HIGH PRICE OF PAPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The present high price of paper is not due to a scarcity of rags and old paper stock, according to officers of the National Association of Waste Material Dealers, who are in quarterly session here.

"The phenomenally high prices paid for old rags and old paper," said an officer of the association, "have resulted in the recent bringing out of vast stores of these goods. We dispose of these materials to the paper manufacturers but in recent months the latter have assured us repeatedly that they were not in the market. The fact of the matter is that the paper mills are getting all of the waste material they need."

The waste material dealers and distributors are now doing an annual business of \$1,000,000,000, the official stated. Among the subjects to be discussed at today's meeting of the association is the matter of greater uniformity in packing rags and other materials as well as better assorting of other materials.

PRES. WILSON VISITS SENATOR WILLIAMS

"JUST ACT OF GOOD FELLOW" SAID SENATOR WHEN TALKING OF VISIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson went to visit Senator Williams of Mississippi at the latter's home today because he knew the senator had some Mississippi affairs to talk about and understood he was ill.

It turned out that Senator Williams was well enough to go to his office so the president drove him there. Occasions on which a president has gone to visit members of congress are rare. "It was just the act of a very good fellow," said Senator Williams, "and I was able to get out again. So he came to see me, in his big hearted way, that I might not have to venture out in the weather. It was very kind of the president, I am sure."

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ALLIES SEIZE 41,000 BAGS OF GERMAN MAIL

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via wireless to Sayville.—From December, 1915, until the last of September, 1916, the British and French naval authorities seized 41,000 mail bags from Germany, says the Overseas News Agency. Of these from Germany, 17,119 bags of mail were bound for the United States and 6225 for South America or Spain. Of the mail bags on the way to Germany, 13,857 were from the United States and 2438 from South America or Spain. The remaining bags were in transit between Germany and Dutch ports.

VICE PRESIDENT HOBBS DIFFERED WITH MELLEN

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Counsel for the Intercontinental Rubber Co. of New Jersey, which petitioned the Boston & Maine railroad into receivership, today asked the federal circuit court of appeals to dismiss a petition of minority stockholders of the road which sought disapproval of the road which court's action in including the railroad's property in Maine and New Hampshire in the receivership. The appellate court instructed counsel to file briefs, with notice that a hearing on the motion would be set later.

In the federal district court today, the hearing on the motion of making permanent or vacating the road's receivership was continued, with William J. Hobbs, vice president of the Boston & Maine on the stand. He differed with Charles S. Mellen, the former president, who testified yesterday, on the amount of money required to maintain the road, saying it would be nearer \$5,000,000 than \$2,000,000. Mellen denied that the road kept two sets of books, one showing actual value and another of ledger values.

NATIONALIZATION OF BRITISH SHIPPING

COMMANDS MORE INTEREST HERE THAN ANY OTHER PHASE OF PREMIER'S SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Nationalization of British shipping, mentioned briefly by Premier Lloyd George as one of the first acts of the new war ministry, commands more interest here from the strictly American point of view than any other phase of the premier's speech. What effect it would have on American shipping, mentioned on the status of British ships sunk by German submarines has opened a new and unexpected series of question which officials regard with much concern. The taking into the national service of the whole mercantile marine following closely on England's announcement that she could not guarantee coal at any of her coaling bases the world over except to ships conserving allied interests is thought by officials at first glance to turn over the great majority of the world's carrying trade to specific war purposes, and raises the question of what should be the attitude of this government if Venezuela should become the de facto ruler of an appreciable part of Greece. A similar question has been faced since England took over from Turkey the sovereignty of Egypt, but no decision has been reached. The state department has not been able to credit a new consular general to Cairo because it did not know whether to credit him to Great Britain or to Turkey. Generally, the department has not recognized changes made during the war, preferring to wait for the peace settlement.

\$2,200,000 IN GOLD IMPORTED
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Gold to the amount of \$2,200,000 imported from Canada, was deposited in the assay office here today to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—American battleships will reach their limit of size when they displace 70,000 tons, the house naval committee was told today by the engineering chiefs of the navy, and only then because a greater ship could not pass through the locks of the Panama canal.

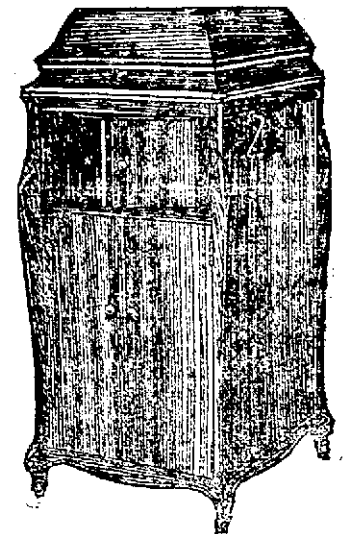
Chief Constructor Taylor told the committee the battleships authorized at this session of congress will have a displacement of 42,000 tons in order to carry the main battery of 12 sixteen-inch guns and make a speed of 23 knots. The total cost of each will be \$24,354,450 on present prices.

INCREASE DIVERSION OF WATER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Wadsworth's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from the Niagara Falls to increase the electric power output of plants on the American side of the river was passed today by the senate. The measure aims to increase the American power output to make up for the curtailment of power from the Canadian side which is being kept at home for munition plants and other military activities. The resolution was also taken up by the house foreign affairs committee.

PAROLE "TRUSTIES" FOR XMAS
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—So they may spend Christmas at home, "trustees" in North Carolina prisons and prison camps will be paroled for three days beginning next Sunday. The convicts will be required only to give their word of honor that they will return to the prisons by noon, Dec. 27.

Gov. Craig last Christmas paroled more than 800 prisoners under similar conditions and all reported to the authorities at the time designated.

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IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

HOWARD H. GROSS AND EDWARD HARDING FAVOR CHAMBERLAIN'S BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Howard H. Gross of Chicago and Edward Harding of New York, representing the Universal Military Training League, argued in favor of universal service today before the senate committee considering Senator Chamberlain's bill for that purpose.

Mr. Gross told the committee compulsory training could not be ensured through the schools because they were under control of the states, and declared it would not be desirable because a school training would not get men at the best age to teach them military lessons. He argued that compulsory service would increase the spirit of democracy by causing the sons of rich and poor alike to serve in common. He believed a compulsory system would reduce the standing army 50 per cent.

Neither he nor Mr. Harding was able to tell the committee how much the system proposed would cost.

Deductions as to the inefficiency of the National Guard system drawn by the army general staff from the report on the border mobilization were sharply challenged by members of the house military committee today when presented to Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff. Several committee men insisted it was unfair to attempt to judge the

guard as organized under the act put through last June by the showing made at the border mobilization since it was the old organized militia and not the new National Guard which was turned out for that service.

Gen. Scott asserted that every military man he knew agreed that the same effects were to be expected in the federalized guard. It was indicated that the general would face a sharp cross-examination tomorrow when the hearing is resumed.

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FOOD PRICES NOW LOWER THAN AT THANKSGIVING

According to present market conditions the Christmas dinner will be a little cheaper than on Thanksgiving day, for it is reported that a slight drop has been effected in the prices of turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks, as well as in the cost of vegetables and all other good things which go to make up a real good dinner.

Nice, honest to goodness Vermont turkeys are being advertised for from 31 to 35 cent a pound, while cold storage birds are selling from 25 to 30 cents a pound, which means a drop in prices of about 5 cents a pound. Geese is retailing for 20 and 25 cents while chickens are marked between 20 and 30 cents a pound, a decrease of be-

tween 2 and 5 cents a pound as compared with Thanksgiving prices. Potatoes have dropped three cents a peck during the past few weeks, the market price being 47 cents a peck, while Boston celery is selling for 22 cents a bunch. Fresh eggs have dropped from 65 to 55 cents a dozen, while storage eggs are selling for 35 cents a dozen, a drop of five cents. A local merchant, speaking about prices this morning, stated that potatoes are bound to go up in price again, for a scarcity of this vegetable is being felt. He said he has a carload coming at present prices, but was told the cost of the next shipment will be increased considerably.

Nuts and candies have been increased in prices to such an extent that the dealers are not selling as much as usual. The Christmas candy which sold for 10 cents a pound last year has been increased to 15 cents, while the fancy ribbon candy in boxes of two pounds has been increased from 25 cents a box to 35 cents. Roast pork is keeping within its former prices.

Hear banjo wizards. First appearance.

Meerschmum Pipes—at Ricard's.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's notes dispatched to all the belligerents in the world war are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassador presenting them:

"The president directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

"The text of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows:

"The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to the (here is inserted a designation of the government addressed) a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit, and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

Desires to Play No Part in German Offer

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows next:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time, because it may now seem to have been prompted by his desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers."

"It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin, and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view."

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In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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Willing to Offer His Mediation

Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

"The president suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which they might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guarantee against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

"He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment, if the nations are so minded, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality. One way will be as acceptable to him as another, if only the great object he has in mind be attained."

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world."

"Each Side Ready to Consider Peace League"

"Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression and denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war."

"Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind."

"Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues, as there is an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of

nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world.

"Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved."

Vital Interest of United States

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war."

"Their interest, moreover, in the means to be adopted to remove the smaller and weaker peoples of the world from the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends when the war is over with every influence and resource at their command."

"But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the president does feel that it is his right and his duty to point out greater things which he beyond his conclusion, lest should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which he beyond his conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired."

Dangers of a War

"The president, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part."

"If the contest must continue to proceed toward undefined ends by slow attrition, until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted; if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or other there are no more to offer; if resentments must be kindled that can never cool and despairs engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle."

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated."

Hope Terms Not Far Apart

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, stated those objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out."

"The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success, even, would bring the war to an end."

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for a conference and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable."

Looks for Response

"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing the soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerents, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing."

"He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

The note to the entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT AGAIN A WITNESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, was again a witness before the House of the National Guard were heard by the military committee today. Friends of the National Guard were ready to interrogate him further regarding his references yesterday to the recent mobilization as proof of the National Guard system's inefficiency.

After hearings before the house committee, Gen. Scott will be recalled before the senate sub-committee considering the Chamberlain universal military training bill for cross-examination by Senator Lee of Maryland, a champion of the National Guard, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the eastern department, who criticized the National Guard system before the committee also has been asked to appear again.

General staff officers are preparing to present specific reports on the mobilization.

TRAIN JUMPED TRACKS
An engine attached to a passenger train jumped the tracks at a point near Wakefield Junction last evening, and although the engine was put out of commission no one was injured. Among the passengers was E. A. Tetreault of Aiken street, this city, a traveling salesman.
Mr. Tetreault was able to return to his home late last evening and this morning when seen by a Sun reporter he said the only damage done was to the engine. He said the train was traveling at a fair rate of speed, when suddenly the engine had jumped the tracks. Through the efforts of the engineer the train was brought to a full stop before the coaches were overturned and no one was injured.
After a two-hours' wait, another train was sent to the scene of the accident and the passengers were taken to Lowell Junction, where Mr. Tetreault boarded a train for Lawrence, returning to Lowell on the last electric. The accident occurred in the woods and the passengers thought they would freeze to death while waiting for the other train, for the engine was out of commission and the cars were not heated.

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AFTER CHICKENS

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liking for hens, was deprived of a chicken Christmas dinner and instead will spend the holidays and the next three months in Sheriff Evelyn's custody at the Lowell jail.

Thomas, who has appeared in the local police court many times on account of trespassing on property and disturbing chickens in their quiet nests, pleaded not guilty today to a charge of stealing four hens from Alice F. Lawrence of 68 Crescent street. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Lawrence saw a man moving around in her barn and she went out to investigate. Corcoran was found all ready to depart with his hands empty. When asked what his business was in the building, he said that he was looking for a dog, although he did not know whose dog he was looking for. Mrs. Lawrence was about to allow Corcoran to go his way when a noise emanated from a barn on the rear of the barn. An investigation showed that four of the best looking chickens in the Lawrence henery had been bagged ready to be taken out.

Corcoran forgot about his dog and disappeared. The police were notified and given a description of the man and in the barn it corresponded with that on record of Corcoran and Inspector Walsh was assigned to the case. He apprehended Corcoran in Central street and the latter at first denied being in

the vicinity of Crescent street but had little to say when he was identified by Mrs. Lawrence, and the three months' sentence resulted.

Acknowledged the Corn

When James Grand, one of the two men arrested yesterday charged with stealing 100 pounds of copper from the Appleton company, was called on to acknowledge today, he admitted to Major Nayes, corporation detective, that he had been implicated in six or seven thefts recently. The fact that he is the father of eight children, however, induced Judge Burghart to suspend a sentence of five months in the house of correction for two months on condition that Grand pay the Appleton company \$25 for damage done.

William Tysagowski pleaded guilty to a charge of selling cigars to Thomas Norton, a minor under 18 years of age, on Dec. 12, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$25. He was represented by Joseph E. Donahue.

A Thief of Time

Thomas E. Murray, the man who appeared from a four months' sentence to the house of correction yesterday for larceny of a watch and chain from James Pollard, withdrew his appeal and the sentence was affirmed.

John St. John was committed to four months in jail for drunkenness. One second offender was fined five dollars and a third time was assessed \$12.

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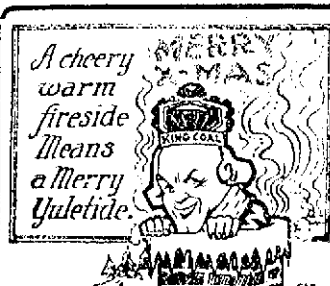
ARTHUR CHAMPAGNE DEAD

Well Known Restaurant Man Passed Away at St. John's Hospital This Forenoon

Arthur Champagne, a prominent resident and business man of this city, died this forenoon at St. John's hospital after an illness of about five weeks. Deceased was 44 years of age and is survived by six brothers, Joseph, Leonard, Eugene and Adolphe of this city, two of Edmonton, Canada, and Alphonse.

Mr. Champagne, for a number of years, conducted a restaurant at the corner of Moody and Cabot streets and for the past two years he conducted a small establishment on Fletcher street near the corner of Middlesex street. He was well known and had a host of friends, who will be grieved to learn of his demise. The body was removed to the home of his brother, Joseph Champagne, 29 Talley avenue.

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TREMENDOUS LIQUIDATING MOVEMENT IN STOCK MARKET TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's communication to the warring powers and the subsequent comment upon it by Secretary Lansing were made the occasion of another tremendous liquidating movement in the stock market today, which far exceeded in scope and activity any session of the past ten days.

Special stocks, notably those regarded as war issues, broke 4 to 12 points during a wild opening, with declines of 1 to 3 points between sales. There was a quick rally, but this gave way to alternate declines and advances during the forenoon, culminating after the noon hour in another sweeping downward movement, which followed soon upon the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement.

The latter break was marked for the first time since the recent period of liquidation began by heavy weakness in rails. Despite the declaration of an extra 2 per cent dividend by Union Pacific, that stock showed an extreme loss of 5 1/2 points and Reading and other leaders in the railway division also fell abruptly.

U. S. Steel was the centre during the trading of the forenoon of convulsive movements. In one lot at the opening 100,000 shares were quoted at 144 1/4 to 145 1/4, an extreme loss of 1 1/2 points. This was the largest single transaction in the history of the exchange. During the noon break Steel dropped to 102 1/2.

Total sales of all stocks during the first two hours reached 1,500,000 shares. The trading, with its quick nervous rallies and declines, caused many brokers to discourage the buying of the more volatile specialties except for cash and others refused to accept less than 50 per cent margins, even for standard shares.

The president's note virtually occupied exclusive attention in high financial quarters. Total sales up to 1 o'clock approximated 2,000,000 shares, indicating that the full day's trading probably would exceed all records. Of this amount U. S. Steel alone contributed 254,000 shares.

The market after 1 o'clock rallied somewhat. Another wave of selling swept the market during the last hour, prices tumbling to the lowest level of the day. Active stocks sold 5, 10 and 15 points under yesterday's final quotations.

Total transactions just before the close were estimated at about 2,700,000 shares, the largest, with one or two exceptions, in the history of the New York stock exchange.

Trading in the closing moments was fast and furious. The ticker was almost uselessly behind in recording the transactions. Steel dropped 100 1/2 points down from the high point.

Amalgams sold down to 77 1/2. Reading to 99, Union Pacific to 142 1/2. Marine preferred to 84 1/2. No one knew in the broker offices, however, what the quotations actually were at any given moment on the floor of the exchange.

Advance in Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton opened at an advance of from 25 to 28 points here today, the upturn from yesterday's closing prices being attributed largely to overnight developments in Washington relative to peace. May contracts early sold up to 52 points above yesterday's closing quotations.

Reports were in circulation in the cotton market that a prominent German steamship line was planning to resume service as early as Feb. 1 and buyers had the further encouragement of higher Liverpool cables and an advance of one penny reported for Egyptian cotton.

Even rails, which have been generally strong in the midst of the recent liquidation, gave way in the first rush of selling today. Reading selling off over a point, and Union Pacific 1 1/2. Although the market continued feverish, rallies were registered in the first half hour of from 2 to 7 points.

Heavy realizing followed the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement sympathetically added by the break in the stock market. The declines were sensational with March contracts selling off from 1 1/2 to 15.00 during the afternoon, or \$5.00 a bushel below the high point of the morning. The market was very nervous.

Decline in Wheat
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening today on President Wilson's peace note.

Wheat for May delivery closed yesterday at \$1.01 1/2 to \$1.02. It opened today with sales ranging from \$1.55 to \$1.75. July at \$1.30 to \$1.31 opened 4 3/8 to 5 3/4 lower. Fit brokers were loaded with selling orders and a huge business was done.

The upswing that followed the initial descent of the market assumed more and more impetus when traders had gained time for broader levels. Signs were noted that some of the buying of future deliveries was on European account and that exporters were among the active bidders for cash wheat. At this stage the market had climbed more than 40 up from the bottom level touched at the close of the previous day.

Heavy weakness in wheat prices was a speedy consequence of a statement by Secretary Lansing that the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical and that the United States itself was being drawn near the verge of war. Selling broadcasted anew on account of this statement and there was a set-back of 1 1/2 or more from the crest of the bulge, May wheat falling to 1.57 1/2.

Swift advances took place later, and the market jumped to well above yesterday's final for December and May, besides usually fluctuating full range and declines in the July option. The cause of the outburst of strength at the last was news that export sales during the day had attained enormous proportions.

The close was strong to the topmost level of the day is 1.63 1/2 advance. May finished at 1.63 1/2, 1.62 1/2 and July at 1.55 1/2 to 1.56 1/2.

BONUS OF ONE MONTH'S PAY TO EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A bonus of one month's salary to all employees whose salaries do not exceed \$1500 a year, without discrimination as to membership in the railroad brotherhoods of trainmen, was voted today by the directors of the Union Pacific railroad. The directors also adopted a plan for insurance for its employees with salaries under \$1000.

An extra dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock also was declared.

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SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS PRES. WILSON'S APPEAL TO BELLIGERENTS

"Drawing Nearer Verge of War Ourselves, and Therefore We are Entitled to Know Exactly What Each Belligerent Seeks in Order That We May Regulate Our Conduct," Says Lansing—President Appeals to Warring Nations to Talk Peace

NOTES URGING PEACE TO ALL WARRING NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In formal notes to all the belligerents, President Wilson, without proposing peace or offering mediation, has appealed to them to discuss terms which may end the war.

The president's notes had been virtually 48 hours on their way today and officials believed they had reached all the foreign capitals, although all official Washington is listening with the keenest expectations to any indications of how the notes will be received, diplomatically think it is incredible that President Wilson should have taken his action without some belief that it would not be daily rejected without consideration by the belligerent allies.

Expect Germany to Accept
The wish and hope of the German allies that he take some such step had long been well known and there is no doubt of the manner of its reception among them.

Officials and diplomats here, analyzing the president's note and some, thinking deeper than an appeal for consideration of peace terms. They see that the president in acting, was also considering what would have to be the course of the United States to

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SEC. LANSING TELLS WHY NOTES WERE SENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The danger of the United States itself being drawn into the war, by reason of its increasingly critical position as a neutral, was one of the moving considerations in President Wilson's dispatch of notes to all the belligerents urging them to discuss terms of peace.

Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that the material rights of the United States had not been the paramount consideration. America's rights, he said, were being more and more involved by the belligerents and as the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks, "in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

Sec. Lansing's Statement
Secretary Lansing's statement, upon which the White House refused to comment, was as follows:

"The persons having sending of the note were as follows:
"It is not our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that, that we are drawing

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NOTE REACHES THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE

LONDON, Dec. 21, 11.52 a. m.—The suggestion of the United States for an exchange of views among the belligerents has been received at the foreign office and is now under consideration, pending which no statement will be made.

VON BERNSTORFF CALLED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today and it was understood the secretary explained President Wilson's action in addressing the belligerents.

WILSON AND LANSING CONFER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, President Wilson sent for Secretary Lansing and the head of the state department went to the White House for a conference.

When he left the White House Secretary Lansing said he might have a statement later in the day. Such a statement, it is believed, will explain and amplify his earlier statement and convey an official interpretation of his remarks.

REMAINING ON OTHER NEUTRALS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson is relying upon public opinion in other neutral nations to add force to his efforts to clarify the situation. While the American government acted entirely on its own responsibility, President Wilson feels that other neutral nations for economic reasons are vitally interested in the outcome.

It was stated authoritatively today that the president acted without any assurance that his note would be favorably received by the belligerent allies. He took the position, it was said, however, that his note calls for replies, and that even though unfavorable, the responses would tend to make clear the objects of the belligerents and establish some common ground.

There is every indication that President Wilson is hopeful of the outlook and believes the way has been opened for negotiations. What steps he takes in the future depend entirely upon the nature of the responses from the belligerents.

The president already has made clear that while the American government has no interest in the terms on which peace is made between the belligerents themselves, it has a very profound interest in bringing about an agreement for maintaining peace in the future.

President Wilson some time ago in a speech at Cleveland said:
"Two-thirds of the world is at war. It is not merely a European struggle; nations in the Orient have become involved as well as nations in the west and everywhere there seems to be creeping upon the nations a darkening spirit and the threat of war. All the world outside of America is on fire."

In a speech at Milwaukee, after pointing out the development of the war and saying his object was to maintain peace, the president said:
"So far, I have done so, and I pledge you my word that, God helping me, I will do it as long as it is possible." He added that the people of the nation had bidden him see that nothing stained the honor of the United States. "Therefore, there may at any moment come a time when I cannot preserve both the honor and peace of the United States," he went on.

In one of his campaign speeches the president declared that the present was the last great war in which the United States could remain neutral. He said

PUTNAM IN FAVOR OF TEN PER CENT INCREASE FOR FIREMEN

At a special meeting of the municipal council, held this morning at 10 a. m., a communication was read from the contractors and builders of Lowell, asking for an extension of time for making bids on the erection of the new high school. After a brief discussion it was voted to extend the time until Jan. 7, but at a conference later a committee of the Lowell contractors and builders said that the additional ten days will not benefit them and argued

strongly for separate bids. Mayor O'Donnell took the stand that while the opinion of the city solicitor is reading and while there is doubt as to the powers of the school committee in determining the nature of the bids, the action of the municipal council cannot well be changed. During the conference the mayor and the committee argued at some length, but their respective points of view remained the same.

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CITY OF LOWELL WINS IMPORTANT TAX CASE

A most important decision that establishes a precedent so far as the city of Lowell is concerned has just been handed down by the state board of appeal governing taxation. It is in the case of "Dunstable vs. Lowell" and concerns tax on stocks in certain corporations held in the name of Frank Hanchett. The board of appeal consists of the treasurer and receiver general, the auditor of accounts, the tax commissioner and a member of the council to be designated by the governor. The appeal was filed by Dunstable for credits which Lowell also claimed.

On December 11, 1916, the local board of assessors notified the board of appeal that Dunstable vs. Lowell would be heard by the board of appeal at the state house, Boston, on December 19. The entire board was present at the hearing and Dunstable was also represented. At the close of the hearing the board took the matter under advisement and today the following letter was received:

Dec. 20, 1916.
Chairman Board of Assessors,
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I have to inform you that the Board of Appeal at its meeting held December 19th voted in the matter of the appeal of Dunstable vs. Lowell in favor of Lowell.

Respectfully yours,
Alfred E. Taylor,
Clerk of Board.

Omitted Assessments
During December the assessors have

on that occasion that the interests of the world were so drawn together that it was difficult for any one of the nations to remain neutral when the others were at war.

The complete text of Pres. Wilson's appeal will be found on the last page.

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exercised their right to levy the omitted assessments for the year 1916. The amount this year in terms of valuation is \$39,500 and the tax amount is \$1894.22.

The New Tax Law
The department of the tax commissioner has asked the Lowell board of assessors to co-operate with the state body in bringing home to the people of Lowell information on the new tax law, and to this end the local board is asked to distribute forms and pamphlets. The board has written expressing its desire to co-operate fully with the state board.

Statuary at low prices—Ricard's.
Miner & Doyle's Waushakum Assoc.

STORM INTERFERES WITH XMAS SHOPPING

What threatened to be a bad snow storm started about 5.30 o'clock this morning and although the flakes were small and light it looked as though it was going to be one of the regular old New England storms, but the temperature rose during the morning and about 9.30 the snow stopped and shortly before noon a slight drizzle or mist set in. The storm will interfere considerably with Christmas shopping.

A number of men were kept at the car horns of the Bay State Street Railway Co., in Middlesex street, last night in anticipation of a bad storm and all of the plans were in readiness to respond to a call if the snow increased, but it was not found necessary to do so.

The Boston & Maine railroad encountered little or no difficulty the only train that was late being the New York train which arrived in Lowell two hours and forty minutes behind scheduled time.

The temperature at 8.30 this morning was 19 degrees above zero and at noon had reached 25 above.

The Gift—A Rosary, at Ricard's.
Framed pictures in variety, Ricard's.

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Table D'Hôte Lunch, 11 to 3.....50c
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CORCORAN WAS AFTER THE CHICKENS

Just because four choice chickens which had been tied up in a bag and placed in a barrel ready to be taken when the way was clear fluttered their wings and ruffled, Thomas Corcoran, who for many years has had a strong

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DEPARTMENT STORES WILL KEEP OPEN

All the local department stores will keep open this evening, tomorrow evening and Saturday evening in order to give the late comers an opportunity to purchase their Christmas presents.

Hovey's hanjo-mandolins. Get one.

MILLS WILL CLOSE
The local cotton mills, machine shops, shoe shops, and other manufacturing plants as well as the plants of the U. S. Cartridge Co. and the department stores, will close all day Monday, Christmas day. Some of the provision stores will open a few hours in the morning. The same rule will apply on Monday, New Year's day.

Beautiful Cut Glass—Ricard's.
45 PRESCOTT ST. Sun Bldg.

RECORD FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL

That a new record will be established in the volume of Christmas mail matter handled at the Lowell postoffice, this year is evidenced by the amount of business, both incoming and outgoing, done up to the present time. A considerable increase is reported over the corresponding days a year ago and business promises to reach an unprecedented high mark today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Both the clerical and carriers' staffs have been augmented by extra men as they were needed all week and today every man on the eligible list of substitutes was notified to report for duty

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APPOINTED TRIAL JUSTICE
Forest M. Adams of Natick has been appointed a trial justice of Middlesex county by Governor McCall.

XMAS GIFTS
TREASUR FOR YOUR FATHER, BROTHER AND SISTER
At DELORME, The Hatter
OPEN EVERY NIGHT
Fur Caps and Hats Repaired

Beautiful Cut Glass—Ricard's.
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INTERESTING REPORTS BY LOCAL TEACHERS

The current issue of "Common Ground," published by the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation and circulated among teachers of the state, has reports of unusual interest written by local teachers. Over 6000 copies of this magazine are circulated in this state, and it has a great deal to do in shaping opinion among those in whose interest it is published.

The president's report is by Henry H. Harris of this city. It is a clear and convincing article in which a great deal of excellent material is condensed into a small space. Mr. Harris has the following to say of membership in the federation:

"Membership in such an organization as this Massachusetts Teachers' Federation is a privilege. It should not be necessary to urge it upon one; it should not go begging. It should be eagerly sought by all teachers who have their hearts in their work, and who can say with William MacAndrew, 'I am glad I am alive.' The teacher who has caught the spirit of the time is putting her soul into service, and out of such service she is getting great satisfaction. Prof. Henry Suzzallo will say:

"Persons, tenure, and pay are vital questions, but they cannot and should not be made the prime basis of teachers' associations. To do so is to focus our professional vigor on personal return rather than on impersonal service. The prime end of teachers' organizations should be to make more efficient our social servanthood."

Miss Devine's Report

Mary F. Devine, chairman of the committee on the metric system, has a practical report in which her views are put plainly and strongly. She says, in part:

"The committee on metric system believes that generations of effort by earnest advocates have not served to advance the cause of the metric system in the United States and in some other countries to have the world-war conditions of the last two years. A

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Get it today.

Perfume Economy

Good lasting flower extracts by the ounce in plain cork stoppered bottles at 25c an ounce. We make, and you save middleman's profits and cost of fancy packages.

Ten orders from which to choose.
HOWARD The Druggist,
197 Central St.

WE OPEN MORNINGS
THIS WEEK AT 9
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The Bon Marche

DRY GOODS CO.

OPEN EVERY EVENING
FOR THE REST OF
THE WEEK

We Are Prepared for the Final Rush

With larger stocks, more variety and better merchandise than ever before. Hundreds of cheerful, courteous salespeople and a very efficient delivery system.

YOU WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER SHOPPING FORENOONS

But you may rest assured we will do our best to please you at your own convenience. Better purchase the Sensible, Serviceable, Reliable Gifts; the kind of goods we sell the year round.

Come Where Both Price and Merchandise Are Correct

survey of factory methods that has recently been made by the bureau of standards of the department of commerce shows that American factories that two years ago knew only inches and feet are turning out materials for France, Italy, and other metric countries entirely in metric dimensions. Scores of railway locomotives are being manufactured by American plants in meters and millimeters, and in entire factories and sections of factories not a single gauge, scale, or other measure device can be found bearing the complicated Anglo-American measures of length.

Miss Lee's Suggestions

Alice T. Lee of the committee on free textbooks law makes several sensible suggestions, including the following: "It was voted by your committee to go on record as opposed to the state printing of textbooks.

"The method of selecting textbooks was considered, and it was the unanimous vote of your committee that the superintendent of schools, with a committee from the masters and principals of schools and the grade teachers in whose grades the books are to be used, should make the selection.

"State uniformity of textbooks was also considered, and it was voted to

go on record as opposed to state uniformity.

Mr. John E. Barr and Miss Adelaide Baker of Lowell are members of the editorial committee of "Common Ground."

Her engagement ring is at Ricard's.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The press agent for the Opera House says: "The most brilliant hit recorded in Lowell theatricals in a good many seasons is 'Everyman's Castle,' that wonderful drama of the present day by William Anthony Maguire, which bids fair to break all records for his attendance with the Emerson Players.

Miss Gladys McLeod, who last week made such a big hit as Madam Brandy in 'In Old Kentucky' after Miss O'Day was injured, is scoring a big hit as Ruth Brant, while Ivan Miller as Dick Brand, is giving one of the best exhibitions of acting that Lowell has ever seen. James Hayden and Helen Kline are very good with their comedy lines. Rose Morrison as Biddy, the servant, is very good, while Milard Vincent as Dr. Calvert and Gertrude Shirley as Belle Bennett could not be better. Never before have the Emerson Players been so well cast for any attraction as for 'Everyman's Castle.'

Sunday afternoon and night at the Opera House, a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features will be offered. There will be five big acts and as many reels of the newest and best releases in picture plays. The next week, starting with a special matinee on Christmas day, the Emerson Players will present Cohan and Harris' greatest success, 'It Pays to Advertise.' This play comes direct from a year's run in New York, a year in Chicago and for six months in Boston to crowded houses. It is one of the biggest hits scored in the past three decades. Seats are now selling for Christmas matinee and night and for the whole week, so make reservations early. Miss Ann O'Day will be back in the cast with all the favorites. Secure your seats now.—Advt.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE
Right from the start, and continuing to the finish, this week's show at Keith's theatre scintillates with good things. There is no dullness, nor any commonplace. Everybody hits some new streak and scores well with it. Take Bert Lamont, the lyric contrabass, and his five western cowboys.

MAY SERVE ON THE FEDERAL TARIFF BOARD

According to information which seems to be credited in well informed circles in Washington, President Wilson has under consideration the appointment of Miss Ida M. Tarbell, the famous author, investigator and publicist, as a member of the federal tariff commission. It has been understood that two of the three democratic mem-

bers will be Professor Frank William Taussig of Harvard university, and Edward C. Boring, formerly first assistant postmaster general, who was elected to the house committee on ways and means when it created the Underwood tariff law, and was in charge of the field work of the democratic national committee in the recent campaign.

Miss Tarbell was a prominent advocate of President Wilson's reelection. It was used in an authoritative way that President Wilson had made the members of the tariff commission, but that one of those he wanted was "Boring," and it was not certain whether his services could be obtained. The action of congress in relieving the salaries of the tariff commissioners to \$7,500 a year, has increased the difficulties of obtaining persons of the character and ability desired. Under the law they are obliged to give up other employment.

as a sample of novelty. Lamont has a voice far different from that of any other singer on the board. It is pitched up to the clouds, and never gets down, although it is always distinct. Lamont gives only the well known popular numbers. His associates furnish ideal accompaniments. Clara Howard, she of the delicious figure and the fair face, can do about everything in the entertainment line. She tells stories inimitably, dances gracefully and runs a gamut of songs from the broadly humorous to the melancholy. Miss Howard is one of the topnotchers in this line of work.

One must not forget Wallace Bradley and Grette Ardine, in their whirlwind turn. How the two manage to stand it and still keep their spirits in a constant state of exuberance, is a question. They are never still and their singing, dancing and bicycle-riding are positively carried out at a cyclonic pace. Al Girard and Sylvia Clark are also on the move. They are part of the time. They have named their act "Modern Vaudeville Frolics" and it is all very modern and surety it is a frolic. Boring and Ellen Carr, the pianist and prima donna, are good for laughter and entertainment. Mr. Boring has written many songs and he plays his latest, while Miss Carr gives the noted prima donna song from "The Enchantress" and gives it well. Blanche Sloan swings out over the audience on her tiny trapeze and nothing seems too daring for her to do, while the Thomas trio of trapeze bouncers is up to the rest of the bill. The vaudeville pictures will change today. Good seats for the remaining performances this week may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

OWL THEATRE

The great war which is now being waged in Europe has caused untold suffering, not only to those on the battle front but also to the thousands at home. The story of how one young Scotch lass suffered is powerfully depicted in "The War Bride's Secret," the new Fox feature film, starring the famous southern beauty, Virginia Pearson, which will again lead the big double bill at the Owl today.

The well known dramatic star, Rhea Mitchell, will also be seen at the Owl today in the new Mutual release, "The Overcoat," one of the best sociological dramas ever screened. True artistry of expression and strong dramatic effect will also be presented at the Owl today.

B. F. KEITH'S

The Amusement Centre of Lowell

ALL THIS WEEK

Direct from B. F. Keith's Theatre, Boston

Bert Lamont

—AND HIS—

COWBOYS

In a Round-Up of Mirth and Melody

The Musical Comedy Girl

CLARA HOWARD

In Songs and Stories

At Girard and Sylvia Clark

Modern Vaudeville Frolics

Wallace Bradley & Grette Ardine

In Their Dance and Singing Surprise

ORR & DeCOSTA

BLANCHE SLOANE

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ROYAL THEATRE
Ralph Kellard, Grace Diamond and Leon Barry in an episode of "The Shielding Shadow"; Marin Sals and True Boardman in an episode of "The Girl From Frisco"; and Kathryn Williams and Guy Oliver in a fine three-act Selig play, "The Temptation of Adam," all on today's program at the Royal theatre. Regular releases besides these special attractions shown.

MERRIMACK

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YOU OUGHT TO SEE

LOU-TELLEGEN in

"The Victoria Cross"

ROBERT WARWICK

and MOLLIE KING

In "ALL MAN"

Travel Pictures. Other Plays

Continuous Performances.

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HEADACHE FROM A COLD? LISTEN!

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends severe colds or grippe in few hours.

Your cold will break and allgrippe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken. It promptly opens closed-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dizziness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN "EVERYMAN'S CASTLE," TAKE A TIP AND SECURE TICKETS EARLY—CROWDED HOUSES AT EVERY PERFORMANCE TESTIFY TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS DRAMA.

THE SITES-EMERSON COMPANY PRESENTS NEW ENGLAND'S BEST STOCK COMPANY, THE INCORPORABLE EMERSON PLAYERS IN WILLIAM ANTHONY MAGUIRE'S SUCCESS

EVERYMAN'S CASTLE

The Powerful Drama of Present Day Life Dealing With the National Topic, "Birth Control"—Children Under Sixteen Years Not Admitted

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THE BEST ACTED PLAY OF THE SEASON

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OPERA HOUSE

The Theatre of Big Things

Next Week—"It Pays to Advertise"

POPULATION OF U. S. SHIFTS TO CITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The population of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increases from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 40.9 per cent. of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8000, as against 38.3 per cent. in 1900. The entire population of continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,212. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,444,829. Ten states have taken censuses since the last federal census in 1910 and seven show population increases. Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming decreased. The smallest increase was in Iowa with a growth of but 6 per cent. The greatest increase was 22.3 per cent. in Florida.

Other states in which an increase was shown were Massachusetts, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.

ACTIVITY ON THE TRENTINO FRONT YESTERDAY

ROME, Dec. 21, via London.—Yesterday the artillery and aircraft were more active along the whole front, the weather being fine, says today's announcement from the war office. "On the Trentino front there were artillery bombardments of particular violence in the Adige valley and on the Asiago plateau. Enemy aircraft attempted raids over our lines but in all cases were driven off by the fire of anti-aircraft batteries."

"On the Julian front the enemy's artillery was more active in the Piave sector, on the middle Isonzo, east of Verobizza and against Gorizia and Montebelluna. Our batteries replied effectively and obtained direct hits on the enemy's batteries at Comeno."

NOMINATED BY PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commander Ralph Earle was today nominated by President Wilson to succeed Rear Admiral Stranahan as chief of the bureau of ordnance in the navy department with the rank of rear admiral.

\$5 of Your Xmas Money

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\$100 Victrola

in your home and \$10 worth of records. Balance can be paid in \$5.00 monthly installments.

Come and pick out your instrument.

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TURKEYS, 25c to 40c lb.
(All Fresh Killed Selected Birds)

Rhode Island Ducks
25c to 30c lb.

New Mixed Nuts... 2 lbs. 25c
Large Florida Oranges, doz. 29c
Large California Oranges, doz. 49c
Calarab Figs (pkgs.)... 25c
Stuffed Dates (Imp.) jar 25c
Fresh Persian Dates, lb. 15c

LEGS OF FALL LAMB 18c lb.
Small Whole Hams, lb. 20c
Boneless Lean Beef (for mince meat), lb. 15c
English Mutton Chops, lb. 20c
Fricassee of Chicken, lb. 25c
Fresh Small Pork, lb. 19c
Fresh Shoulders, lb. 16c, 18c
Maleberry Coffee, lb. 29c

CHICKENS, 25c to 35c lb.
(Fresh Killed From Nearby Farms)

FOWLS 22c, 28c lb.
GEESE 25c, 28c lb.

Xmas Ribbon Candy, 2 lbs. 33c
Xmas Candy (in boxes), box 35c
Fresh Pressed Cider, gal. 25c
Black Eagle Cluster Raisins, box 23c
Large Howe Cranberries, qt. 10c
Fancy Assorted Cookies, lb. 25c

'Squire's Pork Sausage 19c lb
Smoked Shoulders, lb. 16c
Sliced Sugar Cured Bacon, lb. 25c, 28c, 30c
Sirloin Roasts, lb. 22c
Sirloin Steaks, lb. 25c, 35c
Home-made Scotch Ham, lb. 35c
Cooked Roast Pork, lb. 55c
Formosa Oolong Tea, lb. 35c

FISH FOR FRIDAY

Fancy Halibut... 21c lb.
Large Mackerel... 15c lb.
Fresh Eels... 19c lb.
Small Shore Haddock... 8c lb.
Choice Fresh Herring... 6c lb.
Fresh Boiled Shrimps... 12 1/2c lb.
Sliced Tilt Fish... 15c lb.
Sliced Sword Fish... 25c lb.
Fresh Opened Oysters... 45c qt.
Fresh Shucked Clams... 30c qt.
Smoked Salmon... 35c lb.
Smoked Halibut... 30c lb.
Salt Fish of All Kinds.



GROCERIES

Bell's Seasoning... 8c
Candied Citron... 19c lb.
Candied Orange... 16c lb.
Candied Lemon... 16c lb.
Not-a-Seed Raisins... 15c
Jello (all flavors) 3 for 25c
Heinz Plum Pudding, 15c, 30c
Heinz Fig Pudding, 15c, 30c
None Such Mince-meat... 9c
Fruit Cake... 12c
Delmar Peaches... 15c Can
Hawaiian Pineapple... 18c
California Raisins 12 1/2c lb.

FRUIT DEPT.

Sweet Florida Oranges 29c doz.
Sunkist Lemons... 20c doz.
Bananas... 20c doz.
Large Grapefruit .6 for 25c
Fancy Apples... 35c doz.
Baldwin Apples... 40c pk.
Malaga Grapes... 20c lb.
Calarab Figs... 25c pkg.
Cranberries... 10c qt.

VEGETABLE DEPT.

Celery... 15c bunch
Cukes... 12 1/2 and 15c Each
Heavy Lettuce... 18c Each
Brussel Sprouts... 30c lb.
Sweet Peppers... 30c lb.
Oyster Plant... 15c bunch
Summer Squash... 10c lb.
White Turnips... 3 lbs. 10c
Sweet Potatoes... 4 lbs. 25c
Cauliflower... 10c lb.
Mixed Nuts... 20c lb.

BUTTER DEPT.

Finest Elgin Butter... 40c lb.
Old English Cheese... 40c lb.
Russian Caviar... 50c
Lidderkrantz Cheese... 17c
D'sagny Type Cheese... 15c
Candied Cherries... 49c lb.
Cranberry Sauce... 20c qt.
Ripe Olives... 23c Each
Aunt Jane's Mince-meat 25c lb.
Mixed Cookies... 2 lbs. for 25c
Heinz Mince-meat 20c and 35c

Fairburn's Market

12-14 MERRIMACK SQ.

TEL. 788-789

BELIEVED VILLA HAS ENTERED TORREON

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—An official report from Eagle Pass, Tex., today was to the effect that British Consul O'Lea had parted from Torreon with two trains carrying all the Americans and other foreigners. The report says they left Torreon for the south hoping to reach Zacatecas, thence to make their way to San Luis Potosi and to the border through Monterrey.

Before communication was cut south of Piedras Negras, messages Consul O'Lea stated he had been successful, on instructions from Washington in persuading all the foreigners, Americans, Germans and English to leave.

It is believed at the border that Villa has by this time entered Torreon. Gomez, Talacio and Lerdo were expected to capitulate to him today. American officials had no communication beyond Paredon. Great concern is felt for the 500 Chinese in the Torreon district. It was impossible to move the Chinese and it is feared there will be a repetition of the massacre of four years ago at Torreon when hundreds of Chinese were shot down.

Those closely in touch with the situation basing their belief upon the last wire messages to arrive, say it is possible Villa will gather a large army in the Laguna district.

PRES. WILSON'S PEACE NOTE ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A resolution strongly endorsing President Wilson's peace note, introduced in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, was sent to the foreign relations committee on objection by Senator Borah that the senate had not had sufficient opportunity to consider the note.

MURDER INDICTMENTS

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 21.—Indictments for murder were returned yesterday charging Francis Ducharme with killing Ellen Kaezer, aged 3, and hitting the body under abuse in Chicago, and charging Richard Dab-dah and Hassan Durpust with shooting and killing Mahomet Berbas Hazardine and Sarkus Inuhdah in a riot at the North End.

R. L. AUDITOR DEAD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—Charles C. Gray, state auditor and insurance commissioner, died here today. He was born in Little Compton, R. I., Dec. 27, 1841, and was a veteran of the Civil War.

ENORMOUS INCREASES IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

GAIN OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPORTS AND SIX MILLION IN EXPORTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 21.—Increases of more than four million dollars in imports and nearly six millions in exports are shown in a statement of the foreign business of the colony of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended on June 30 last, made public today. Total imports were \$16,457,338 and exports \$18,062,142.

Imports from America amounted to \$7,067,179 and exports to America \$2,419,460, both representing large increases.

HERBERT JACQUES DEAD

BROOKLINE, Dec. 21.—Herbert Jacques, former president of the United States Golf association and a prominent architect, died suddenly at home in the Chestnut Hill district today. He was 59 years of age.

BONTS TO EMPLOYEES

ATHOL, Dec. 21.—The L. C. Starrett Tool Co., employing 1600 persons, today announced a bonus to be paid all employees, graded according to the terms of service.

AERIAL ACTIVITY ON THE FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The French official statement on the progress of hostilities given out this afternoon by the war office says there has been relative calm on the front in France, with the exception of aerial activity.

"On the Somme front four enemy airplanes have been brought down by French pilots," the statement says. "The first came to earth near Malin-court, the second in the environs of Clercy, the third near Hezic, while the fourth was brought down to a point south of Pongle-grand by Sub-Lieut. Nussenger. This makes 21 enemy airplanes brought down by this aviator."

"Another one of our pilots, pursuing a German machine, collided with his adversary. Both machines crashed to the ground."

"During the day of Dec. 20, 47 shells were thrown down upon the railroad station at Anizy. On the evening of the 20th four French aviators threw down 488 kilos (about 1000 pounds) of projectiles upon the railroad stations at Fouries-sur-Meuse and Chateaufort-Lexieres. The same evening 11 French aviators sailed forth and threw down 47 shells of 120 millimetres each upon the railroad station and the barracks at Nostes and also upon certain convoys marching behind the lines."

LETTER SUMMONING GENERAL

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The official letter summoning Gen. Nivelle to the command of the armies of the north and northeast was signed by Gen. Joffre as commander in chief of all the French armies. Gen. Castelnau, Gen. Joffre's chief of staff having reached the age limit, has been retained on the active list on a special decree signed by President Poincare which is preliminary to his appointment to the command of an army group.

Brig. Gen. Ferdinand Auguste Pont, whom Gen. Nivelle has chosen as his chief of staff, has been promoted to general of division for the duration of the war. General Pont, like his chief, is an artillery officer, and was a junior lieutenant colonel on the staff of one of the armies at the beginning of the war. His brilliant military talents soon brought him to the notice of Gen. Joffre, who signalled him out for rapid promotion.

DR. SMITH HOMESTEAD BOUGHT BY THEATRE MAN

The old Smith homestead in Merrimack street, at the corner of Spalding street, has been purchased by Agav-niry Tikigian, proprietor of the New Jewel theatre. The property consists of a house valued at \$3600, a stable valued at \$300, and 8,550 square feet of land valued at \$3,150, making a total of \$9,050.

The property was sold by Theresa Estelle Smith and her heirs were transferred a day or two ago. Mr. Tikigian has made plans to tear down the house and stable and upon the premises he will erect a six-tenement house. It is expected that the work of tearing down will be started in a couple of weeks.

MRS. FRENCH'S WILL UPHELD

DETHAM, Dec. 21.—The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller French of Brookline, contested before a jury here by her 80-year-old cousin, Mrs. Florence L. Bacon of Winchester, was sustained yesterday. The jury was out 10 minutes.

The jury found that Mrs. French was of sound mind when she made her will, and that there was no undue influence by Joan M. Ward, a friend who received \$5000, or Dr. Marian Nute, who received a similar amount. The case was on trial for several days before Judge McLaughlin.

Mrs. Bacon, the contestant, received nothing from Mrs. French's will, while \$85,000 was given to charity.

SHIP CUT IN TWO BY FRENCH CRUISER

AN ITALIAN STEAMER CARRYING SOLDIERS HOME SUNK IN COLLISION

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan is reported in a despatch from Marseilles. The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave was cut in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

LLOYD GEORGE BETTER

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd George continues to improve in health and he shows no ill effects from his prolonged speaking in the house of commons on Tuesday.

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The National prohibitional constitutional amendment, materially altered from the way in which it was reported to the house was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee today by a vote of 13 to 3. Senators Culberson, Reed and Brandegee voted against it.

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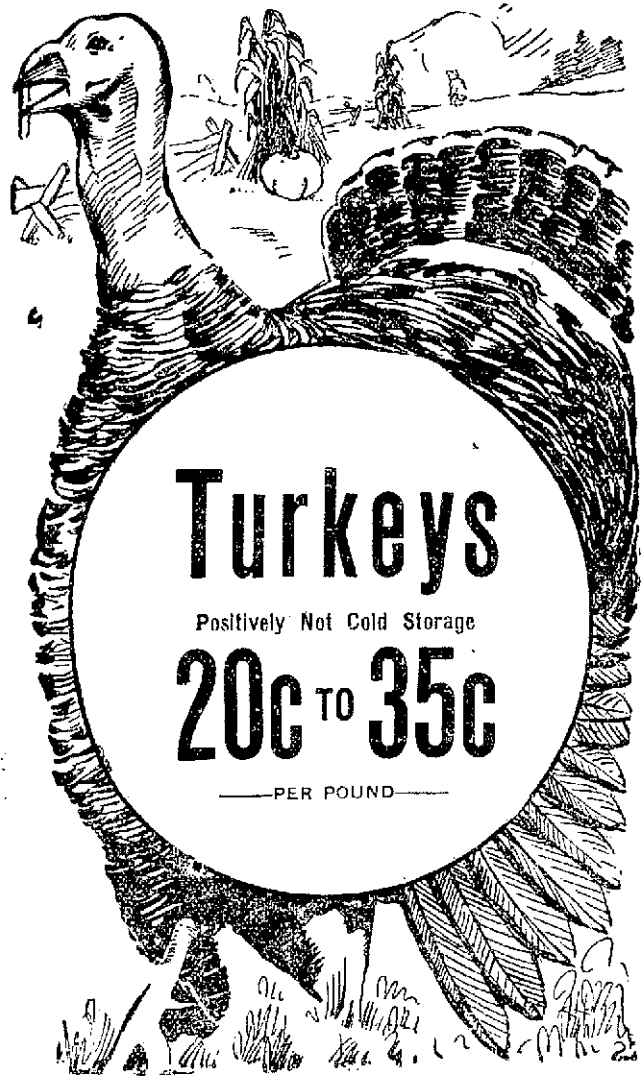
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CHICKENS Cut Up Ready to Fry Pound 20c

YEARLING LEGS lb. 15c

LEGS OF MUTTON lb. 17c

FRESH HAMS lb. 18c

Smoked Shoulders lb. 15c

Sweet Pickled SHOULDERS lb. 15c

Pork
Fresh Pigs' Head, lb. 12c
Any Cut From Native Dressed Pigs, lb. 13c to 18c
Pork to Roast, lb. by strip 15c
Fresh Hams, lb. 18c

ROAST BEEF
Fancy Pot Roast, lb. 10c
Fancy Chuck Roast, lb. 12c
Prime Rib, lb. 14c
Boneless Boston Rolled, lb. 15c
Best Sirloin Tip, lb. 16c

CANDIES, ETC.
Bon Bous, lb. 12c
Chocolate, lb. 12c
Gum Drops, lb. 12c
Chocolate, box 22c
Candy, box 20c
Sugar Walnuts, lb. 25c
Pound Cake, lb. 17c
Assorted Cookies, lb. 12c
Grape Juice, bot. 10c

GROCERIES
Evap. Peaches, lb. 10c
Evap. Apricots, lb. 10c
New Prunes, lb. 10c
Rhubarb, lb. 10c
Raisins, lb. 10c
Honey Raisins, lb. 10c
Hell's Dressing, can. 8c
Sage-Thyme, can. 8c
Fruit Jam, jar 10c

DELICATESSEN
Head Cheese, lb. 12½c
Liver Sausage, lb. 12½c
Liverwurst, lb. 12½c
Pork Sausage, lb. 12½c
Frankfurts, lb. 12½c
Blood Pudding, lb. 12½c
Polish Sausage, lb. 12½c
Hood Tongue, lb. 20c
Sauternes, lb. 25c

FANCY FRUITS
Jonathan Apples, doz. 25c
Pineapples, each 10c
Grapefruit, each 5c
Bananas, doz. 20c
Valencia Grapes, lb. 15c
Pears, doz. 15c
Red Grapes, lb. 20c
Grapes, doz. 25c
Lemon Oranges, doz. 25c

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 1

4 or 5 lb. Roast Beef .55
½ lb. Ground Coffee .13
2 lbs. Sugar .15
1 Can Evap. Milk .09
1 lb. Best Butter .19
1 Loaf Bread .10
½ pk. Potatoes .22
1 Can Corn .10
Total Value .163
Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.30

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 2

4 or 5 lb. Chicken about 1.00
1 Can Peaches .12
6 Juicy Oranges .11
1 pkg. Plum Pudding .10
1 Can Tomato Soup .09
1 Loaf Bread .10
½ pk. Potatoes .22
1 Can Green Peas .10
1 lb. Grapes .15
Total Value .189
Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.60

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 3

4 or 5 lb. Roast of Pork about .65
1 Can Tomato Soup .09
1 Loaf Bread .10
½ lb. Good Tea .10
1 Jar Jam .10
½ lb. Best Butter .19
½ pk. Potatoes .22
2 lbs. Sugar .15
Total Value .180
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Yearling Forequarters, lb. 12½c
Legs of Mutton, lb. 15c
Legs So. Down Mutton, lb. 17c

Rump, lb. 27c
Top Round, lb. 26c
Sirloin, lb. 19c
Porter House, lb. 24c
Round—Cut Through, lb. 17c
Tenderloin, lb. 27c

VEGETABLES
Radishes, each 5c
Spinach, pk. 25c
Green Kale, pk. 12c
Squash, lb. 5c
Tul. Turnips, lb. 2½c
Lettuce, head 5c
Savoy Cabbage, 25c
Celery, bell 10c
Apples, pk. 15c

NEW NUTS
Brazil Nuts, lb. 25c
Hazel Nuts, lb. 20c
Walnuts, lb. 17c, 20c
Almonds, lb. 20c
Pistachios, lb. 25c
Fancy Mixed, lb. 15c
Cashews, lb. 20c
S. S. Almonds, lb. 25c
Peanuts, qt. 10c

BEN HUR, 24½ lb. paper bag \$1.15
BEN HUR, 93 lb. cotton sack \$4.50
BARREL IN WOOD, \$9.25
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FANCY TABLE APPLES

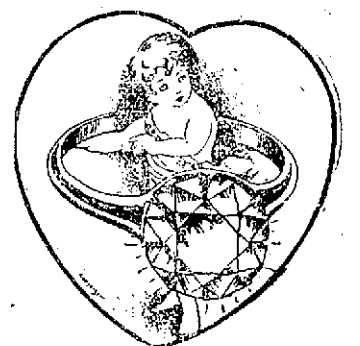
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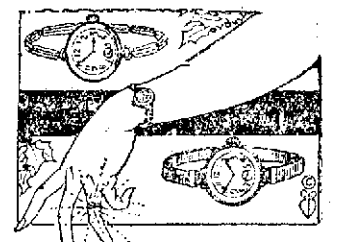
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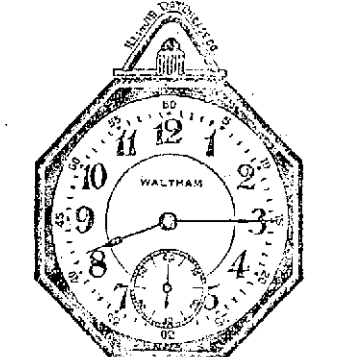
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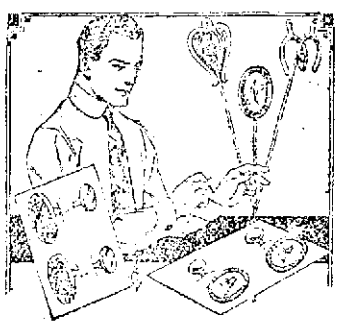


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ASKS U.S. COOPERATION IN REORGANIZING LOAN

PERKING, China, Dec. 21.—The Russian, Japanese, British, and French legations have indicated to the foreign office and the American legation their desire for American cooperation in the reorganization loan of \$100,000,000.

TOTAL OF \$626,700,000 IN GOLD RECEIVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Gold to the amount of \$100,000,000 consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. from Canada, is being delivered at the Philadelphia mint. It was announced here today. This makes a total of \$626,700,000 received from all sources since Jan. 1.

BRITISH PENETRATED THE GERMAN LINES

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The wireless, in Saxony, British troops penetrated advanced German position, north of Ayrers yesterday. The war office announced subsequently they were captured by a German counter-attack.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

BRITISH ATTITUDE ON RIGHTS OF SHIPS

CAN ADMIT NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN UNARMED AND ARMED VESSELS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The government cannot admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchant ships and those armed for defensive purposes," said Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a question today in the house of commons.

MORE SHIPS SUNK
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lloyd's shipping agency announced that the steamer Liverpool had been sunk.

The steamer Bayhall, according to another Lloyd's announcement, is believed to have been sunk.

Three steamers Liverpool are listed in the marine records. All are small vessels, two being British and one French. The Bayhall is a British steamer.

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WILLIAM SWEENEY AT LARGE

Man Who Killed His
Wife With Axe at
Kenwood

Escaped From the State
Insane Hospital at
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WILLIAM B. SWEENEY.

The police of Lowell and all other cities throughout the state have been asked to watch for William B. Sweeney, of Dracut, the man who escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane in Worcester yesterday. Sweeney was committed to the asylum after he had been arrested for beating his wife to death with an axe in Kenwood and assaulting another man with a knife or razor on March 19, 1914.

Sweeney's escape caused considerable alarm in the Kenwood section of Dracut and the police were asked to keep a close watch for fear that he might return. Now he made his escape not given out by the hospital authorities. He was missed late yesterday afternoon and the local police were immediately notified. Inquiries were made in Kenwood this morning, but no trace of the man was found.

Story of the Crime

Sweeney was committed in the fall of 1914 after he had been found guilty of the murder of his wife on account of insanity. The gruesome killing, it will be recalled, occurred in the Sweeney home in Kenwood, Dracut, on the afternoon of March 19, 1914. Sweeney, it was claimed at the time, and a friend named Michael Crumney, met in Wiggintonville on the morning of the day of the murder. They visited a local saloon, purchased two quarts of gin and went to the Sweeney home to celebrate the 37th anniversary of Sweeney's birthday. Crazed by the gin, Sweeney is alleged to have beaten his wife to death with an axe in a bedroom and then attacked his companion, Crumney, with a razor.

Some of Sweeney's children arrived home during the trouble and Officer Foye of Dracut was notified. With his son, Officer Foye went to the Sweeney home and both men were attacked by the then raving maniac, with a cleaver. After a hard fight, Officer Foye succeeded in placing Sweeney under arrest. Before the day of the murder when he booted the girl, Sweeney was said to be a peaceful citizen and an industrious husband. The case was brought up in the superior court of Middlesex county at Cambridge and the man was committed to the state hospital for the insane in Worcester.

The description of Sweeney as given out by the Worcester police was as follows: Age, 35 years; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 165 pounds; color of hair, brown; complexion, medium. He had a short moustache. When he escaped he wore a blue serge suit, mixed grey cap, short shirt and collar and a black silk necktie.

place themselves at the disposal of the state for the duration of the war and must consent to be transferred to any part of the country where their services are needed. Filling the ranks in the essential war industries, such as shipbuilding, railroads and mines, will be the first steps. Enrollments will not, however, be confined to men, women and everybody from the leisure rich downwards, must either volunteer or eventually be forced into national work. The employment will be allotted according to respective capacities.

U. S. SHIP DAMAGED BY STRIKING MINE

NATES, France, Dec. 21.—The American steamship Kansas has been damaged by striking a mine. An electric button on toes.

Press a contract with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns, which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of freezeone. This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, itching corn stings the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug is harmless and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin.

BATTLE OF MUSIC

Miner, Doyle and Broderick Orchestra
WITH THE PONIES
Associate Hall, Friday Evening, Dec. 22. Admission 25 Cents

Decorate For Christmas

This is the best place to select your greenery for Christmas decorating. Christmas wreaths from 15 cents up. Potted plants and cut flowers.

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Lined with velvet. Sizes for \$2.50, \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. 25c Each

Open Tonight, Tomorrow Night and Saturday Night.

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FIREMEN WANT INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT

It is within the power of the commissioner of the fire and water departments to raise the pay of the firemen if he is so inclined, without a vote of the municipal council. Later, however, the question of an appropriation to meet the increase might come before the council and in that case the council would have to vote on the proposition. In his statement this morning, Commissioner Putnam did not state what he intended to do in the matter, although he may grant the increase. In that case his bringing the matter up at a meeting of the municipal council would be looked upon as merely a matter of courtesy. The firemen want an increase of 10 per cent, which Commissioner Putnam will probably grant.

DEATHS

FISKE—Mrs. Annie M. Fiske, wife of Henry C. Fiske, died yesterday at her home, 17 George street, aged 83 years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Walter A. and William S. Bruce, and a sister, Alice Bridges.

LEUSIER—Victor Leusier, father of Victor Leusier of this city, died Tuesday afternoon at Nashua, N. H., where he was a well known druggist, having a place of business in West Pearl street. He had been ill for six months, during which time he was in a great deal of pain. He is survived by three sons, one daughter and three brothers.

DONNELLY—Miss Gladis Donnelly, an esteemed member of St. Patrick's parish, died today at the home of her father, Patrick J. Donnelly, rear of 11 Queen st., aged 16 years, 2 months and 5 days. She was a popular pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

FARE—William, aged 4 years and 2 months, died last night at the home of the parents, Joseph and Marianna Fares, 19 Ward street, Burlington. The place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

MORRILL—Clarence Edwin Morrill, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrill, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents, 21 Moore street at the age of 9 days.

SIKOREJIS—Vasilios Sikorejis, aged 11 months, son of Louis and Stathalis, died this morning at the home of his parents, No. 430 Market street. The funeral took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the burial was in the Edison cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

FUNERALS

MANSFIELD—The funeral of Leo Arthur Mansfield was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Mansfield, rear of 11 Queen st. The funeral was in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

BURNS—The funeral of Francis J. Burns took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, No. 68 Coburn street, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church, where at 9 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Francis J. Mullen. The funeral services were a pillow inscribed "Frank from the family and a spray from his friends." The burial was in the Edison cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Ryan, Martin Gallagher, Thos. Doyle, Michael Roddy, Hiney Hurley, John Hurley, later was the family for in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Mullen conducted the funeral services at the grave. Funeral director James W. McKenna in charge.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the kindness shown us in our recent bereavement in the loss of our brother and uncle, also for the beautiful floral offerings and spiritual offerings which were sent.

J. M. Bowers, Miss Margaret Bowers, Miss Anna M. Doyle, Mrs. M. and Mrs. George Webber, Mr. and Mrs. Lymann Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitney.

MASS NOTICE

An anniversary high mass of requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church Friday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of Ann Larkin and Mary Campbell.

FUNERAL NOTICES

AUSTIN—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Austin will take place Friday afternoon from the chapel of C. H. Mollay Sons on Market street. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock. The body will be placed on the 3:30 train to West Cambridge, N. H., for burial. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers C. H. Mollay Sons.

COTE—The funeral of Joseph M. Cote will take place Friday morning from his late home, 40 Forrest street, at 8 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of C. H. Mollay Sons.

DONNELLY—The funeral of Miss Gladis Donnelly will take place from the home of her father, rear of 11 Queen street, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. A high mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers J. F. Rogers in charge.

FISKE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie M. Fiske will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 17 George street. Friends respectfully invited without further notice. Interment will be in the Edison cemetery in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

HOOPER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at his home, 1 Belmont street, George L. Hooper. Funeral services will be held at his home, 1 Belmont street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Please call at the home. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

ROBY—Died in this city, Dec. 18, at 274 Pine street, Mrs. Mary Roby, aged 53 years. Funeral services will be held at 274 Pine street on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from her home, 33 White street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SHARKEY—Died in this city Dec. 20 at his home, 211 Appleton street, Henry D. Sharkey, at the age of 62 years. Funeral services will be held at his home, 211 Appleton street, on Friday afternoon at 2:30 instead of Thursday afternoon as previously advertised. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS

Continued

ing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the situation or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course the difficulty was that once the president merely had it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that that was the fact in the document itself.

Secretary Lansing further said: "The sending of this document indicates the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force a further conclusion of the war. Neither the president nor myself regard this note as a peace note. It is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which the fighting."

U. S. in Difficult Role

At the White House no effort was made to lessen the importance of Secretary Lansing's statement. President Wilson would make no comment. President Wilson himself on several occasions has pointed out the danger of the United States becoming involved in the war. Because of violations of American rights he has felt that the United States had a very difficult role to fill.

Last February while touring the middle west in favor of preparedness and again during the last campaign, the president touched on that feature. In a speech at Pittsburgh last January he said:

"When you know that there are combustible materials in the life of the world and in your own national life, and that the sky is full of floating sparks from a great conflagration, are you going to sit down and say it will be time when the fire begins to do something about it? I do not believe that the fire is going to begin, but I would be sure of it if we were ready for the fire."

"I want to come as your responsible servant and tell you this, that we do not control the fire. We are under the influence of it, but we are not at the source of it. We are where it at any time may affect us, and yet we cannot govern its spread and progress."

Umbrellas—At Ricard's.

TO BUILD BATTLE CRUISER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Construction in the Philadelphia navy yard of a ship for building one of the four battle cruisers authorized by congress has been determined upon by Secretary Daniels.

Private bidders submitted proposals upon a per centage basis and Secretary Daniels said today that unless the government constructed one of the battle cruisers the navy department would be unable to determine the total costs with any degree of accuracy.

Fountain Pens—Ricard's.

SUN BREVITIES

Best printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

Auto supplies, Beharrell, 23 Middle st.

J. S. Noyl, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.

J. F. Donohoe, 225 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.

Everett E. Harris of Chelmsford was awarded a \$100 Phillips scholarship in the scholarship awarded at Phillips Exeter academy for the Christmas holidays.

Late buyers will find it easy to make their selection of Christmas gifts by consulting the advertising columns of The Sun today, tomorrow and Saturday. Stores are open evenings this week.

Misses Helen Haggerty, Kitty Kinnon, Flora Hebert and others at Ricard's Central street store, and Misses Blanche LaRue and Alice Landry at the Merrimack street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

J. J. Barry, who several years ago was chief clerk to the commercial superintendent of the New England Telephone Company, has been appointed district manager of Loun for the same company. Mr. Barry belongs in Brockton. In 1909 he was contract agent for the Boston branch, serving there for six months after which he went to Clinton as manager and from there to Brockton.

Manicure and Toler Sets—Ricard's.

WILL LIVE IN LOWELL.

Dr. D. T. Chagnon, formerly of this city, and recently of North Adams, has returned to Lowell with his wife and daughter and will make his home here.

See Ricard's gifts for men.

ALBERT W. GUPTILL DEAD

Advertising Manager of the Boston Herald Passed Away at His Home Today

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Albert W. Guptill, advertising manager of the Boston Herald, died at his home today.

Christmas Gifts—At Ricard's.

CITY OF LOWELL MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

December 26th, is the last day on which bills will be received by the city for payment for the year 1916.

WILLIAM W. DUNCAN, Commissioner of Finance.

Wanted at Once

Girls to sell candy; experienced sales girls; no others need apply. Call at

A. M. NELSON'S FINE CONFECTIONERY

In Dickson's Tea Store

68 Merrimack Street

All our candy made of pure sugar. Get your supply at once for Christmas.

Diamonds, Gold and Silver Jewelry, Silverware, Rosaries, etc.

Assortments in our stock will keep pace with the demands upon them until the last shopping hour on Saturday night. We are "filling in" constantly, and while some articles are few in number there is variety enough to suit most tastes.

Lasting beauty and long service are essential in the gift of gold, silver or precious stones. It is good to know that absolute confidence in your purchase is one of the benefits you secure for the moderate prices asked here.

DAVID PERREAULT & CO.

260 MERRIMACK STREET—OPP. ANNE ST.

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SOLDIERS ON HATS THE LATEST FAD AMONG THE TRULY CHIC PARISIENNES



LATEST PARISIAN FAD—THE PARISIENNE ADORNS HER HAT WITH A SOLDIER.

Here are two examples of the latest fad in Paris, girls—you have your hat decorated with soldiers' portraits, if you like, and are devoted to one warrior in particular. Nowadays soldiers light and march and counter-march and perform all sorts of drills on ladies' hats, as is shown in the two pictures reproduced herewith. One hat, a turban shape, has companies of soldiers embroidered in panels on the brim; another wider hat has a French chasseur digging his spurs into a German soldier wearing a "picket" hat or spiked helmet. The greater the originality displayed in adornment of the hat the greater is its success along the boulevards.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Continued

tomorrow. Eleven extra clerks and 20 extra carriers were working today in an effort to provide the public with the best service possible and these numbers will be considerably increased tomorrow and Saturday. Night delivery teams and six extra carriers are also working in cooperation with the carriers distributing the heavy volume of parcel post matter that is being received in every mail.

Extra windows have been opened to relieve the congestion in the corridors. Two stamp windows are open all day with an additional one to handle the heavy business between 6 o'clock and 8:30 in the evening. One window is open until 11 o'clock at night. One of these windows is for parcel post packages only. Last night the whole day some of clerks worked until 11 o'clock when they were relieved by their regular night men and several substitutes.

Yesterday was the largest day of the week. About 3500 packages were despatched from the office and about 2000 were received and delivered. Tuesday approximately 1800 parcel post packages were delivered. Indications this forenoon were that the number would be greatly increased today. The packages being sent this year are much heavier than previously. Many of these addressed in nearby points which have been despatched to western states and beyond the first zone which from a few ounces to 20 pounds. Many goods have been despatched from Lowell this year.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station.

Remember, don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

Special Delivery Packages

Special delivery packages are also on the increase this year. Turkeys, chickens, butter and similar articles are invariably sent special delivery to prevent any opportunity of them spoiling in the mails. The postoffice department believes that the increase in the business this year is due largely to the prospect of the country people who in other years send postal cards are now mailing packages, it is said.

Postmaster John F. Meahan stated today that there would be two deliveries of parcel post packages Sunday, and one regular delivery Monday. The books will also work Sunday. It is hoped, however, that all packages will be mailed before Saturday so that the clerks may attend to the distribution of the incoming mail and not be held up with outgoing matter.

Postmaster Meahan anticipates a very heavy business tomorrow, owing to some of the stores having closed on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is believed that many local people have not yet completed purchasing their gifts even to be sent out of town. Tomorrow should be the banner day and it is expected that last year's record for the number of packages handled in any one day will be broken.

Delays Are Avoided

Everything possible has been done to prevent crowded conditions and avoid any delay in the mails. The parcel post room in the basement is

TEPPER MURDER CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY

RUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of John Edward Tepper, charged with the murder of his mother, retired at 11:31 o'clock today to consider a verdict.

SUBMARINE OFF COAST OF NEW JERSEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A submarine moving south was observed about 100 miles off the New Jersey coast on Tuesday afternoon by the officers of the American steamship Advance, which arrived here today from the Canal zone. The nationality of the under sea vessel was not learned.

42 BELOW AT BISMARCK, N. D.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 21.—Forty-two degrees below zero, the lowest December temperature here in many years, was recorded by the local weather bureau yesterday. Today's mark was within one degree of the state record for December—43 below, on Dec. 31, 1901.



A COMPLETE LINE OF Pipes, Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco

Largest Stock of Pipes in the City—Agent for W. D. C. "Wellington," J. D. C. P. E. and T. J. F. Pipes. Direct from factory to smoker—No middleman's charge.

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NEW BRITISH POLICIES

There is more behind Premier George's speech in parliament than appears on the surface. It was a very forcible declaration of England's determination to stand firmly against any peace that would not bring reparation and a guarantee of future peace; but it was also remarkable for proposed departures in domestic policy.

There is to be a nationalization of British shipping which would withdraw the entire British merchant marine from general commerce and place it under control of the government for war purposes. Thus American commerce may suffer very seriously through the withdrawal of British ships from American ports except so far as may be necessary to secure war supplies. In this emergency the merchant marine of the United States, which thus far exists chiefly on paper, would be in great demand.

Besides, there is to be a mobilization of labor in England, according to Premier George's plan and a division in to essential and non-essential industries. No man will be forced into the army who will be of more use in turning out munitions at home.

Another announcement made by the premier was of great significance. It was to the effect that an imperial conference will soon be called to settle vital questions. This will co-ordinate the support of the colonies and result in more united and systematic action.

It is expected that as Premier George alluded to the Irish question as "a misunderstanding" he will submit it for settlement to the imperial conference. As all the colonies have repeatedly declared in favor of home rule for Ireland, such a conference would require but a short time to settle this question by putting the home rule measure into effect at once for the whole of Ireland, thus overruling the unreasonable objection of the Ulster minority which is amply provided for in the home rule act as it stands. Thus it is probable that Premier George will do in a brief period a great number of things that should have been done long ago, if there had been any man or set of men in England big enough to stop haggling and half-way measures and unite all the energies of the nation for the successful prosecution of the war.

The new premier may retrieve in a great measure much of the military prestige which England has lost through stupid blunders, as he says, through lack of prompt decision in the councils directing the war.

HELPING THE WAR STRICKEN

This is a time when the hearts of millions of people in this country turn in sympathetic yearning to the suffering millions in the war stricken nations of Europe and Asia Minor. First among the number as appealing to our sympathy is gallant Belgium, which has had to suffer not only the ravages of war but the imposition of war taxes so heavy that it is marvelous how they can be met by the poor people. But on the heels of all this infamy comes the still higher crime of deportation of the able-bodied men of Belgium in open violation of all laws, human and divine.

This country has responded liberally to the appeal for Belgian relief; but out of \$227,000,000 disbursed by the Belgian Relief commission only \$10,000,000 was contributed by the United States. That would not about ten cents a head of our population, which is small compared to what some other countries less prosperous than we are contributed. Thus Canadians gave at the rate of 18 cents each, New Zealand \$2.34 each, Tasmania \$6.25 each. Moreover of the \$227,000,000 contributed, \$125,000,000 was spent in this country for clothing and supplies for Belgium, so that if we contributed liberally we derived a return in the profits on the supplies sold the commission.

But the Belgian Relief represents but one of many funds liberally aided by the people of this country. The Poles suffered from starvation but there was difficulty in sending aid to them.

The Armenians and Syrians were persecuted by the Turk and about a million of them killed. The American relief to that fund amounted to over \$2,000,000. Various other funds were aided in this country by tag days and public demonstrations which netted large sums. But in spite of all efforts to relieve the victims of the war there is still widespread suffering which not all the charity of the outer world can reach or relieve.

DR. MUNSTERBERG'S CASE

The late Professor Munsterberg apparently exercised his mind more with the problems of the European war than did some of the men engaged in it. With all his psychology, it was remarkable that he did not detect the symptoms of his own weakness and at least lower the mental pressure he had taken on. He seemed to take upon himself the stupendous task of settling the European war or at least of upholding the case of Germany against all attacks. He was certainly a loyal German, but he never claimed to be anything else and never became an American citizen. Like the late Herman Hilder of New York, he took on a sort of mental strain over the war

that could not fail to overthrow any man.

Professor Munsterberg seemed to have expressed himself too freely for a man in his position. Yet, rather than restrict his freedom of speech, President Lowell turned down a gift of ten million dollars made contingent upon the dismissal of Dr. Munsterberg. Had he accepted the gift, he would have been in the position of taking a bribe. He spurned the offer, giving the author a well deserved rebuke.

The professor filled a unique place in educational circles. He lectured and wrote a great deal that was not understood and it is doubtful if he left behind him as a result of his life work in psychic research anything more tangible than undemonstrated theories.

MUNICIPAL VAUDEVILLE

Mayor-elect Mullen of Everett, has succeeded in getting the state armory away from the local militia company for the inaugural exercises on New Year's night when the company had arranged to conduct its annual ball there. He appears to be a man who likes the sensational but if he had a proper sense of the fitness of things, he would allow the military ball to go on and hold the inaugural exercises earlier in the day. He evidently likes the spectacular since he wants an armory in which to induct a few rather obscure officials to the mysteries of municipal office. Perhaps it is the intention of Mayor-elect Mullen to have initiatory exercises in which the new members, including himself, will give an exhibition of their agility in riding the municipal goat. Following the same tactics during his term of office, Mayor Mullen can be relied upon to keep his little burg in the limelight by running a municipal vaudeville show. Lowell has had some unsavory experiences in that line.

FIRST STREET OVAL

Editor Sun:—Now that the First street boulevard proposition is being taken up, what becomes of the scheme for an athletic field there? The plan published some time ago was a good one and the central location would make it the most valuable athletic field in Lowell. Will our city officials see to it that this improvement be provided for in the laying out of the First street boulevard? It means a great deal for Lowell and for Centralville, which thus far has had no park but Varnum, which one of our athletes could jump over but which none is allowed to set foot upon.

The people of Centralville think it is their turn to receive some consideration.

Truly yours,
Centralville.

There is a good deal of truth in the above communication and if the lines of the boulevard can be so laid out that an athletic field can be provided for, the best interests not only of Centralville but of the entire city, would be served. Our city engineer and municipal council should give this matter their immediate attention.

CARRANZA BALKS

It is announced that Carranza is not inclined to sign the agreement reached by the commission representing the United States and Mexico which has been in session for some months past. There is a strong feeling in Mexico against the United States, and Carranza probably finds that it would be unpopular for him to enter into any agreement with the United States looking to the restoration of order in Mexico. Should Carranza finally refuse to sign the protocol, it will show that he has been insincere all along in his protestations of friendship for the United States. He will then be fully understood by the people of this country and he and Villa will be classed as two of a kind.

INEBRIATES BARRED

The Boston Elevated Railway Company has decided to bar intoxicated persons from its cars. In taking this step it has followed the lead of the Boston & Maine, the Boston & Albany, New York, New Haven and Hartford, Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroads. This will promote good order on the cars of the company and leave the inebriates either to walk home or put up at the police station. The same rule should be followed everywhere. It is a common occurrence on some cars leaving Lowell late at night that several intoxicated individuals keep up a continuous play of disorderly talk and even of profanity to the disgust of all the other passengers. In some cases the conductor is afraid to interfere.

DUMPING SNOW ON COMMONS

With all due respect to the contention of the park department, we do not think it would do the commons very much harm if Commissioner Morse did dump snow upon them. The

snow may carry some filth from the street or it may even contain salt spread around the railway tracks, but in spite of this, it would seem that the damage done to the commons might be easily repaired at perhaps one-tenth of the cost of carting the snow to a distance. It must be remembered that carting anything at the present time is a very expensive operation.

SHINGLED ROOF MENACE

The question of gradually getting rid of the wooden shingle by replacing it with some fireproof material or at least a material that is less inflammable may prove expensive, but if carried out, it would ultimately result in much benefit to our city. There is no doubt that the shingled roof is a great fire menace, while in many cases it has been responsible for conflagrations that wiped out whole cities. It would indeed be highly creditable to the city of Lowell if the shingled roof were a thing of the past.

STILL DEPORTING

Reports from Belgium still show that Germany keeps up her campaign to clear the unfortunate country of able-bodied men. The men firmly resist signing any register declaring that they go voluntarily. Germany is endeavoring to make it appear that all the men thus deported are going of their own free will to find employment at good wages. This lie has been contradicted so often that it would seem folly to repeat it again. The scheme is one of deliberate enslavement in open violation of international law, however disguised.

JOHN H. MURPHY'S PROMOTION

Former Secretary John H. Murphy, of the board of trade, has been elected treasurer of the new Morris bank soon to be opened in this city. During his years of service in connection with

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the board of trade Mr. Murphy proved himself to be a young man of sound judgment, aggressive character and indefatigable persistence in whatever he undertakes. We predict for Mr. Murphy in his new position a degree of success fully equal to that which he attained in the board of trade.

Seen and Heard

Father is broke—flat.

The guy who ate 10 limburger sandwiches doesn't need a prize—he needs a doctorizer.

No argument, sir no argument—we admit that The Sun is the greatest pa-

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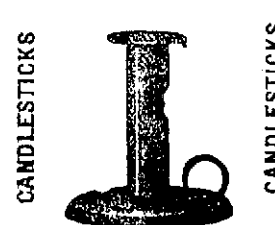
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per and the greatest advertising medium in Lowell.

Automobile Plates

In commenting on the new design of the automobile plates which will be in use on automobiles of the state shortly, an exchange says: "The new number, tag, with its change of proportions and arrangement, certainly looks novel to the eye accustomed now, many years to the old familiar type. Whether or not one likes it, it is impossible to say, until the novelty has worn off. Something has been gained in ease of reading, by running the numbers of the state lengthwise instead of up and down, as hitherto. The figures are taller through the greater height of the plate and are, therefore, more easily readable, a thing important with the growing size of numbers. Also, the plate seems to be shorter, because it is taller. Perhaps it really isn't. For I have noticed that an ordinary plate, with one or two numbers on it, looks shorter than one with six. Sight is deceptive in those things. The alternation of blue and white is kept again this year which is well since the blue and white, which are the Massachusetts colors in everything, by the way, has come to be recognized as our color."

Was Fine Young Man

Rarely has the death of a young man in Lowell left a greater void than was left by the passing away, on Dec. 14, of Edward A. Keleher of 17 Crane's avenue, at the early age of 21. Deceased was a graduate of St. Patrick's academy and at the time of his death was clerk at the Saco-Lowell shops. Throughout his school days and his brief space of later life, he was beloved by teachers, friends and associates and his high character and winning personality set him apart as an influence for good. At one of the reunions of the academy he spoke before the alumni of the class of '13 and made a most telling impression. There was a great showing of sorrow at his untimely passing away and his bereaved family was in part sustained by the tributes of love and memory from the lycium, friends and neighbors. His was a short but exemplary life and he will long be remembered by his family and friends.

Pure Food Law

Our attention has been called to the fact that the familiar legend on food and drug packages, "Guaranteed by Manufacturer, Under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906," is disappearing from labels now used. A method for guaranteeing foods and drugs that will be less misleading to the public has been provided by the officials in charge of the enforcement of the act. Manufacturers may guarantee their products on the invoice, or bill of sale, but they are not permitted hereafter to make it on the label. This does not apply to labels already in use. The form of the new guarantee will read: "We, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee that the articles of food listed herein are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the federal food and drugs act," etc. Originally it was provided that a manufacturer or wholesaler, who desired to guarantee his products could file a general guarantee to that effect with the department of agriculture, receiving in return a serial number to be used upon his label. After this method had been in operation for some time, it was found that it was misleading to the public, since consumers generally, and some retail dealers, assumed that the guarantee legend meant that a sample of the product had been examined by agents of the government, and guaranteed by them. The law merely intended to protect the dealer from fraud, if the goods that he handled had been guaranteed by the manufacturer. Such goods might be found to be misbranded or impure, in which case the government would prosecute the parties falsely attaching the label. There never was any guarantee on the part of the government, although the public believed that there was. It should be added, however, that the requirement of such a guarantee has driven the bulk of adulterated foods and drugs from the market, so that the public has been indirectly protected by the government, as was intended in the act.

They Do Say

That it looks like a Merry Christmas.
That it is time to practice writing 1917.
That "get busy" cures a deal of lassitude.
That Ernest Brown is flashing a real diamond.
That many a Santa Claus sled is already in Lowell.
That Christmas presents are beginning to arrive.
That it is a wise giver who gives a useful present.
That the golf club didn't work very well in Lowell.
That the weather is very good for a sleigh ride party.
That the evening of Dec. 31 will be a busy one in Lowell.
That where there's a will there's a way to be a scroop.
That there are only three more days for necktie knitting.
That this is the weather when autos skid and heavy sleds stick.
That those who put wreaths in the window garden are surely coming.
That when men carry bundles cheerfully, Christmas is surely coming.
That the police will start a campaign against the larceny of newspapers.
That doing things with a vengeance is not always the pleasantest way.
That some alleged big men allow themselves to be jollied by shrimps.
That it's wonderful how many people love to suffer who are dead and gone.
That the license commission has ruled to put the lid on Lowell's New Year's.
That Lowell teachers do uncommon work when they meet on "Common Ground."
That no matter how much of a grouch you may be, there's somebody worse off than you.
That it is useless, Peter, the Bay

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Given at Dr. Dugdale's Lowell office for BLOOD POISON, LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA and SKIN DISEASES. Blood tests made. Also treats diseases of the eye, ear, nose, throat, stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, gout, catarrh and epilepsy. CANCER, TUMORS, chronic blood and nervous diseases of men and women, hydrocele, varicocele, stricture, piles, fistula, fissures, ulcers and prostatic diseases WITHOUT THE KNIFE. Incurable in a matter of days. Treatment. CHARGES REASONABLE. Lowell office, Dec. 21, 7-8. Consultation, Examination, advise FREE.

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For men—tailored by clothing tailors so they fit. New colors in double faced cloths—with collars and pockets of the plaid revers, \$5.00



BLANKET WRAPS

Lounge or Bath Robes. Blanket Wraps, new designs and colors, with slippers to match. Wrap and slippers, for\$5.00
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Sateen Mufflers in black and white stripes...50c
Angora Mufflers in solid colors, warm, cosy, stylish\$1.00
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For evening dress—plain or mounted pearl studs and cuff links, all neatly boxed in velvet boxes, satin lined.....\$1.00 to \$2.50

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HANDSOME NEW SHIRTS

For Holiday Gifts.

Woven Madras Shirts with soft or stiff cuffs, \$1.00
Japanese Crepe Shirts, unusual designs and colorings\$1.50
French Flannel Shirts, the patterns woven in silk, made with French cuffs.....\$3.00
Silk Shirts, fibre silk, colors warranted, very dainty and desirable.....\$3.00 and \$3.50

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166 CENTRAL STREET

State will not take passengers on its snowplows.

That the great aim of some people is to take advantage of everybody and everything.

That it's a long time since business in the local stores was as good as at the present time.

That President Wilson is on the side of the angels who are coming to sing "Gloria in Excelsis."

That nobody ought to blame the baldheaded man for getting a toupee when the mercury is low.

That the pupils of St. Peter's parochial school entertained their parents in great style this afternoon.

That the marriage intentions book at city hall is a mute witness of much romance and tragedy and comedy.

That Charley Morse's idea of heaven is to take a gang of men to haw the moon and dig sewers all round it.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

What Is Started Is More Than Half Done

Whether it is the decay of a tooth, or the seeking of my services. Realizing this and wishing to have you see to your teeth before they decay further, I am making an offer to have you come now rather than to wait till after the holidays. By coming now you will save your teeth, time and money.

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NOTES URGING PEACE

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conserve its interests as a neutral if the war continues.

Coupled with the president's recent declaration that the position of neutrals was becoming intolerable, they attach much significance to his statement in the note that his suggestion comes from a neutral whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a desire to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue.

Von Bernstorff's Statement

In German quarters the conviction that the president's action would surely lead to some sort of consideration of peace terms was expressed in the following authorized statement by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

"Now I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference. I hope that the president's action will lead to some sort of consideration of peace terms was expressed in the following authorized statement by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Action Causes Surprise

British embassy officials made no attempt to conceal their surprise at the president's action. They were not alone, however, for official Washington had been led by officials to believe that the president in transmitting the German peace proposals without comment had taken all the action that was to be expected from the United States for some time to come unless there were some unforeseen development in world affairs. The suggestion with which the preparation of the notes and their despatch were surrounded was complete and nothing was known about them until they were well on their way to the belligerent capitals.

League to Insure Peace

The definite proposal of the United States for "a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world" is interpreted as a step which, if carried through, would mean the abandonment of the theory of "open door isolation" which Washington has been preaching to the country. Significance is attached to the fact that the president uses the word "insure" rather than "enforce" as indicating that he has not committed himself to any one program to accomplish that end, but that he is open to whatever suggestions may seem best to the other world nations.

Repeated efforts have been made to enlist the American government in some sort of international agreement involving responsibility, but always the answer has been that the United States would stand alone. Several months ago President Wilson spoke most earnestly before the League to Enforce Peace of his hope that the United States would join in some new international arrangements, but until now has made the proposal officially to the nations of the world.

Guarantees Against War

It is thought here that along these lines President Wilson's note will find its most ready reception abroad, for all parties have indicated their belief that the war will have been in vain unless from it comes guarantees against its repetition. Former Minister Sir Edward Grey for England, Premier Briant for France and Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg for Germany have all committed their nations to some sort of international reorganization to secure the end laid down in the president's note and the official offers of the central powers together with Lloyd George's speech in reply have accentuated that purpose.

As yet, however, the final procedure which may be adopted appears uncertain. German, apparently, has given up her earlier opposition to disarmament which nearly split the second Hague conference. No official statement has come from either land or France on this subject in the present circumstances. It was Eng-

land, however, at The Hague conference, seconded by France and the United States that insisted on stating its views in favor of disarmament.

Deepest interest centered today in the probable time and form of the belligerents' reply. It is assumed that the members of each group of allies will consult one another and agree on a uniform statement of views, but whether that statement will be jointly, identically or differently in each case is not known.

The solidarity which has been so strikingly shown both by the central powers' identical proposals and the allies' virtually simultaneous response is expected to be continued here. It is thought also that some time may elapse before the different groups can settle down to an actual agreement on terms to be presented. In case it is decided to heed the president's request by going into them fully.

Parallel in Roosevelt's Action in 1905

The nearest parallel in world history for President Wilson's action was President Roosevelt's move, in 1905, to end the war between Russia and Japan. But in that case the president had been assured his proposal would not be disagreeable to either of the belligerents, and curiously enough it was through Emperor William of Germany that the preliminary soundings crystallized in the suggestion that President Roosevelt take the steps.

Before that time Pres. Roosevelt had conferred with Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador here, and with Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister in the Russian capital. The outcome of all these conversations with Count Lamsdorf, the Russian minister for foreign affairs, in Tokyo American Minister Griscom had conversations with Count Komura, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs. The outcome of all these preliminaries was that President Roosevelt was assured that he would not be humiliated by a rejection of his action.

Those in official circles who would discuss the notes thought it worthy of attention that President Wilson, after saying his action had long been in mind, added:

"The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

OFFICIALS SURPRISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. Distinct surprise was apparent among diplomatic officials in Washington today over President Wilson's plea to European belligerents to discuss peace terms. Publication today of the note, finished Monday, had despatched Tuesday to American diplomatic representatives abroad, gave most officials the first notice that such a step was even contemplated at this time.

Opinion here inclined toward the view that the action would give strong encouragement to some sort of exchanges which might result in discussion of definite peace terms between the belligerents. It was believed further that since the president seeks only a clarification of peace views and does not offer mediation, the United States will not be placed in an embarrassing position if the European nations should be unable finally to develop a basis on which to approach each other.

Officials of the British embassy declared they were wholly unable to explain the action.

ANTI-WAR COUNCIL ACTS

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 21.—The Netherlands anti-war council, at a meeting attended by many prominent persons, passed a resolution which was cabled to the belligerent governments and sent to all foreign ministers at The Hague, imploring the warring powers not to allow the possibility of peace negotiations to pass. The resolution declares that the chief war aim of all the fighting nations being apparently a wish to protect themselves and the rest of the world against future wars, an understanding is not wholly impossible. It calls attention to the fact that the leading statesmen of Great Britain, France and Germany have repeatedly avowed a willingness to join an international peace league and that thus a safeguard is obtainable that right instead of might may govern international relations in the future and Europe be delivered from militarism.

"We beseech the belligerent governments and peoples," the resolution says, "to make at least an endeavor to discover whether an agreement is possible now with a view to the establishment of a just and durable peace and a free Europe."

The meeting of the council at which the resolution was passed was attended by members of parliament, university professors and representatives of peace organizations.

ALDERMAN PUTNAM

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same. The mayor said repeatedly that there can be no logical objection to the calling for bids in two separate ways as this will show the people of Lowell whether a general contract would or would not save money.

Another matter of importance that came up at the meeting was a statement from Commissioner Putnam favoring the raising of fremen's pay 10 per cent. He said that Lowell is at the bottom of the list of Massachusetts cities and, while he did not introduce

an order, he wanted to go on record as being in favor of the raise.

The meeting was called promptly at 10, with the mayor presiding and Commissioners Morse and Donnelly present. Commissioner Putnam came in later, but Commissioner Duncan was not present during the meeting.

A notification was received from the clerk of the superior court for the drawing of four jurors for superior court, Cambridge, first Monday in January, and the following names were drawn by Commissioner James E. Donnelly:

John Wainsley, 8 Waterford street, Patrick H. Barry, 13 Sycamore street.

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- Children's Fur Sets**
\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$6, \$6.98, \$8.75 up.
- Children's Fur Muffs**
\$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.98 to \$10.
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- Quilted Silk Jackets**.....\$2.39
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- All Wool Coat Sweaters**
\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.75 to \$15.
- Fibre Silk Coat Sweaters**.....\$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.98
- Wool Scarf and Cap Sets in boxes at**
98c and \$1.50 per set
- Knitted Wool and Angora Caps**.....69c
- Winter Coats at reduced prices**
\$5, \$8, \$10, \$12.75, \$15.75, \$19.75
- Winter Suits at reduced prices**
\$12.75, \$14.98, \$19.75, \$22.50, \$25 and \$30
- Swell Opera Cloaks**
\$29.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$39.50, \$50.00
- New Silk Dresses**
\$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.75, \$15.00, \$17.50 and up
- Handsome Ball Gowns**
\$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$45.00 up to \$100.00.
- Silk Kimonos**
\$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 to \$10.00
- Ladies' Bath Robes**
\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 to \$8.75
- Children's Bath Robes**.....\$1.49, \$1.69
- Long Crepe Kimonos**
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98
- Ladies' Raincoats**
\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$10 to \$20
- Children's Raincoats**
\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98
- Children's Raincoats**.....\$1.98 and \$2.98
- Children's Coat Sweaters**
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- Children's Angora Sets**.....\$3.98
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- Children's White Dresses**
\$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5, \$5.98, \$6.98
- Children's Party Dresses**
\$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$7.50, \$8.98, \$10 to \$15.
- Children's Serge Dresses**
\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$6.98 to \$10
- Children's Serge Middy Blouses**, \$1.98 and \$2.50
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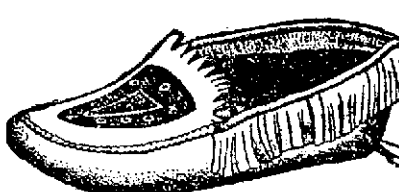
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Cars for District Chiefs

Commissioner Putnam said he has not given the type of cars for district chiefs sufficient attention but he was ready to put in an order for two cars, specifications to be furnished later.

Commissioner Morse said that he did not vote yesterday for a touring car, and Mr. Putnam said that he is not entirely sure that touring cars would be desirable. Commissioner Morse said he is not in favor of touring cars, but Mayor O'Donnell said that while he does not recommend four-passenger cars, he understands that they have them in Hallowell and Springfield and are getting them in Boston.

Commissioner Putnam said he has not yet talked with chief or district chiefs and is not ready to supply specifications as to the best type of cars. No action was taken at that time.

New High School Bids

The following letter on the calling for bids for the new high school was received from a committee of local contractors and read:

Dec. 20th, 1916.

Mr. James E. Donnelly, Commissioner of Public Property, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of Lowell contractors it was voted unanimously to send you the following communication:

On account of the uncertainty of the method which the municipal council may adopt in the matter of receiving bids for the addition to the Lowell high school, we would respectfully request that you grant an extension of time for the receipt of such bids from December 28, 1916, to such further time as you can definitely state what method the municipal council may adopt.

The reasons which we desire to set forth for this extension of time are as follows: The municipal council having requested an opinion from the city solicitor on questions raised by the school board relative to their authority or power in the matter of awarding contracts on this building, which opinion has not as yet been rendered. The municipal council having by vote directed the city solicitor to draft a bill to the general court, requesting authority to appoint a commission who will have full charge of the erection and completion of the above named building. And for the further reason that there is not sufficient money to complete and erect this building.

There is now to the credit of the high school, besides appropriation less than \$50,000 which shows an expenditure of more than \$200,000 from an original appropriation of \$500,000. We are of the opinion that it will take a larger amount of money than what is now on hand to erect and complete this building.

We would appreciate very much if you would bring this to the attention of the municipal council in the proper form to enable them to act on this at once.

Respectfully yours,

John H. Johnson, Chairman,
Frederick E. Meloy, Secretary,
John J. Mulligan,
Daniel J. Walker,
Edmund W. Douglas,
Daniel E. Carroll.

The Mayor's Version

Mayor O'Donnell said he sees no harm in extending the time for the

calling of bids and favored the extension of time ten days. He said that this would not delay the work one day and that while waiting for the opinion of the city solicitor the local contractors should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Commissioner Donnelly made a motion that the time for the calling of bids be extended until January 7th, and it was passed unanimously.

A recess was taken until 10:15 a. m. A delegation consisting of John H. Johnson, Frederick E. Meloy, Daniel H. Walker and Edmund W. Douglas, was present but did not speak during the meeting. During recess, however, they argued in great detail with the mayor at an informal conference. The mayor defended the position he has taken from the first. The contractors intimated that the extension of time for 10 days will not help them and said they do not care to bid on such a large proposition unless they see some possibility that their bids will be considered. The city wholly opposed to the idea of a general contract and said that it is not fair to expect them to bid if later their bids are thrown out. Mayor O'Donnell took the position that they ought to take the risks of their business.

After recess a communication was read from the park department favoring the inclusion of the small lot of land at the junction of Nesmith and Rogers street in the park system. It was placed on file with the understanding that it be acted on favorably later if there is no legal barrier.

The order of the Lowell and Canals relative to the leasing of land at Paw-meterville was again taken up and

acted on favorably. The land in question is for the development of the new river-bank park.

Increase for Firemen

Commissioner Putnam came out in favor of increasing the pay of the firemen of Lowell 10 per cent. He read a list of Massachusetts cities and the pay of their firemen. Of the 16 cities mentioned, 13 pay more than Lowell and two pay the same. No city of Massachusetts pays less than Lowell, said Mr. Putnam, and even where increases are pending the pay is greater than that of Lowell. He did not introduce an order to the effect but wanted to get on record as being in favor of a general increase of 10 per cent.

No action was taken on the matter. The list of cities read by Mr. Putnam gave present salary, increase granted and petitions for increase pending, as follows:

Cities	Present Salary	Present Increase	Salary Granted	Pending
Brockton	\$1,200.00	\$200.00		
Chelsea	1,200.00	175.00		
Everett	1,100.00	125.00		
Haverhill	1,100.00	125.00		
Worcester	1,050.00	150.00		
Brockton	1,050.00	150.00		
Fall River	1,050.00	150.00		
New Bedford	1,100.00	125.00		
Lowell	1,000.00	100.00		
Springfield	1,200.00	100.00		
Medford	1,200.00	100.00		
Lawrence	1,000.00	100.00		
Cambridge	1,200.00	100.00		
Revere	1,100.00	100.00		
Milton	1,200.00	100.00		
Holyoke	1,100.00	100.00		

The meeting adjourned until Saturday at 11 a. m.

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WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MACHINE GUN

A shooting demonstration of the Lewis machine gun, to take place at the South Lowell range of the plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, will be given by Colonel John J. Tooley, formerly of the U. S. Cartridge Co., and Capt. Thomas E. Doe, manager of the U. S. Cartridge Co., for the instruction of the Lowell Business Men's battalion.

History of Gun

The Lewis gun is the invention of Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, U.S.A., now retired. After years of experimentation he succeeded about 1910 in completing his first rough model of the gun and at once offered it to the United States government as a gift. The government declined to accept the gift.

The offer was repeated in 1911, when Colonel Lewis, then a major in the coast artillery, had made some slight improvements in the gun. Major Lewis is then assuring Colonel Wood, then chief of the general staff, that in the event of the government adopting his gun he "would not expect to receive any profit for his interest in the invention." Colonel Lewis is a graduate of West Point. His attitude then was that as a West Pointer and an officer whatever he was able to accomplish in a military way belonged to

the government, and in offering his gun to the war department he was merely doing his duty, while showing in a practical way his appreciation of the technical education the government had given him.

For two years Colonel Lewis tried to give the United States the Lewis gun. Finally he became disheartened and asked to be retired from active service. This was after an army career extending over a period of more than thirty-six years. He was retired and went to England. In November, 1913, the Lewis gun had a field test at Bletley in the presence of highest ranking officers of the British ordnance department, the chief official present being Major Gen. Sir Stanley Branton von Donop, master general of ordnance of the British army.

The British promptly accepted the gun and pronounced it the greatest machine gun yet invented. Today more machine guns of the Lewis type are turned out every week in England than of all the types the ordnance department of the United States army has supplied to our service in the whole fourteen years that General Crozier has been at the head of that bureau. Six years ago the United States could have had the gun for nothing. Now, if it finally adopts the gun, it will have to pay a royalty on every gun obtained.

In April of this year after the gun

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He will appreciate useful wearable gifts.

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A Wide Selection of Men's Gifts from 25c to \$25

Men's Silk Ties—Of imported and domestic silk, open end shapes in the newest designs, 50c to \$2.00

Mufflers (Silk and Knitted)—For skating, motor and general wear\$1 to \$5

Plain Colored Mercerized and Flannelette Pajamas—In white, blue and tan\$1 to \$2

Men's Shirts—All of fine quality materials and exclusive patterns\$1 to \$2

Men's Belts—Of border cowhide, detachable and attached buckles. All sizes25c to \$1.15

Men's Handkerchiefs—An exceptionally fine line of silk and linen handkerchiefs, 5c to \$1.00

Evening Dress Sets, Scarf Pins, Pocket Knife and Watch (combined), Chain, Links, Studs, etc., made of highest quality pearl, gold and silver.

Men's Silk Shirts—Custom made, of best quality silks. Style, fit and materials guaranteed.\$2.50 to \$5

Men's Gloves—Mocha and kid in all the popular shades. Lined and unlined\$1 to \$3

Fur lined gloves...\$4.25 to \$6

Men's Collars—The stock of soft and starched collars we have surely must contain the style "he" wears...15c to 25c

Men's Sweaters—All styles, colors and sizes,\$2.50 to \$9.50

Men's Overcoats—Stylish, warm, man-sized overcoats, tailoring and materials the best,\$12.50 to \$25

had been in operation on the British front in France ever since the great war started and had won golden opinion there, while the Benet-Mercier weapon in general use in the United States army had fallen in for general criticism largely as a result of the Villa raid in Columbia. General Crozier held a machine gun test preliminarily to officially recognizing a type of such weapon as most suitable to the needs of the army. The guns tested were the Benet-Mercier and the Vickers and Lewis. General Crozier afterwards stated that in these tests the Benet-Mercier and the Vickers were shown to be the best weapon, and the Lewis gun "performed badly." The other two guns were accepted as satisfactory and the Lewis gun was rejected.

Wood Likes Gun

Following the rejection of the Lewis gun by the Crozier board, Major Gen. Leonard Wood, as commanding officer of the eastern department of the army, who is one of the Lewis gun's strongest advocates, and does not impose the findings of the board appointed by General Crozier, appointed another board to test the Lewis gun in competition with the service Benet-Mercier.

This board, of which Major Halstead Dorey, the captain, was president, met at Plattsburg this summer and subjected the two types of gun to a series of test as thorough and rigid as any ever imposed in any similar tests in the history of the army. The Benet-Mercier guns were in charge of an officer who is admittedly an expert in the handling of that weapon, while the firing of the Lewis gun was directed by a representative of the company now manufacturing the Lewis guns in the United States.

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The Dorey board reported back to General Wood that in the matter of mobility, the two guns were about equal, but that the "superiority of the Lewis gun in every other particular was clearly demonstrated."

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HUB POSTMASTER SAYS "AIRMAIL" NOT FAR OFF

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—There is a possibility that before another Christmas, delivery of gifts "a la Santa Claus" may be in full operation, according to Postmaster William F. Murray, who predicted yesterday that the day of aerial postal transportation is not far off.

"I have just returned from a visit to Washington, where I had a talk with Second Asst. Postmaster, General Franger," Mr. Murray said, "and learned that the postoffice officials are watching the development of the airplane with a view of making an immediate use of it in the department."

"Advertisements were issued during the past year inviting bids for airplane service and one route was contemplated for Massachusetts."

Mr. Murray could not say whether the first line would be between this city and New York, or between New York and Chicago.

"The matter would probably have to be determined by the air currents and their effects upon aerial navigation," he said. For instance, the air currents near the ocean might be found to have a different effect upon schedules than those of the inland.

"I believe that the development of the airplane will be even more rapid than that of the automobile."

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Trimmed Hats\$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 Each

Untrimmed Shapes98c, \$1.49, \$1.88

Skating Sets, Cap and Scarf,\$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.50

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The Milliners

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recent achievements of Miss Ruth Law and others have demonstrated that airplanes can come great distances in a relatively short time. Basing our judgment upon these achievements and the general progress of the past few years, it is not too much to expect that the airplane mail service is a certainty for the near future.

"In this connection let me say that I am heartily in favor of using any method available for expediting and advancing the deliveries of mail. There has been a good deal of misrepresentation relative to my attitude concerning the pneumatic mail tubes, but in spite of that the fact remains that I will indorse any method which secures more rapid deliveries for the department."

VOTES TO SELL DANISH WEST INDIES

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 21.

After a single reading the Folketing yesterday adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 90 in favor of and 16 against ratification. Five members were absent.

When the bill came up for discussion 14 members of whom six were conservatives and eight of the Left party, joined in moving an amendment asking the government to negotiate with the United States to purchase only St. John or St. Thomas, while Denmark would retain the other two islands. This was rejected by 89 to 14. The proposal for the sale of all three islands was then adopted.

The Landthing, it is expected, will ratify the proposal today and thus the sale of the islands will be definitely settled.

EX-PRES. TAFT GREETED AT FALL RIVER

SPOKE AT LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE DAY EXERCISES—THOUSANDS RESPONDED TO CALL

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—In response to the proclamation issued by Mayor James H. Kay, yesterday was Fall River's League-to-Enforce-Peace day. Thousands of the city's population responded to the call.

William H. Taft, ex-president of the United States and president of the National League to Enforce Peace, came here to speak and was tendered a hearty reception.

Ex-President Taft arrived here from New Bedford at 3:30 and after greeting a committee of citizens at the rooms of the chamber of commerce, spoke to more than 1000 pupils of the Purcell high and Technical schools. Later he visited the home of Judge James M. Horton, Jr., of the United States district court and will be his guest during his stay here.

Last night, ex-President Taft was tendered a dinner at the Quequechan club by a committee of 100 citizens. Following the reception at the club, he addressed the newly naturalized citizens of the city in City hall. Mayor Kay, president. The principal speaker was made by John P. Doherty, representative from the 9th Bristol district.

The biggest meeting of the night was at the state armory, where nearly 4000 persons assembled to hear Mr. Taft deliver his address on the peace league. Judge Horton presided.

WATERTOWN GIRL OF 5 DIED OF ACIDOSIS

WATERTOWN, Dec. 21.—Mary Ryan, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan of 62 Riverside street, died yesterday of what the attending physician says was acidosis. The disease created much excitement in Greater Boston about a year ago, when a number of children died of it, the deaths at first being attributed to poisoning by Christmas candy.

There was considerable talk about the Ryan child's illness, which was said to be infantile paralysis. The child was taken ill early Monday morning, and, despite all that medical aid could do, continued to fail. There have been no other cases of the disease reported in Watertown.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court City of Lowell, Foresters of America, was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. There was a large attendance, the principal business being the election of officers for the ensuing term which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Henry J. McEvoy; sub chief ranger, John Barnes; financial secretary, Patrick McGilly; recording secretary, Geo.

R. McKenna; senior woodward, Charles H. Richards; junior woodward, Daniel McGeevar; senior headle, Thomas Courvo; junior headle, Michael Gilligan; lecturer, Lott Mealey. The choice of a treasurer and physician was put over until the next meeting.

Lowell Commandery, Knights of Malta, met in regular session Tuesday night. Six Knight Commander Arthur E. Delong presiding. The sick committee submitted a report as did the ladies' night committee which stated that the annual event would be held either at the last meeting in January or the first in February. Past Commander George P. R. Bowring was appointed degree master for the Red Cross degree and he will select his staff in a very short time. The degree work will be worked on the last Sunday afternoon in January.

The attendance contest was tried out for the first time and Companion Orin Whittier was the winner. At the next meeting the contest will be on again and the entertainment committee will furnish refreshments. A communication from the grand commandery stated that a Malta night will be held at the Billy Sunday tabernacle on Wednesday evening, January 10. Space will be reserved for all companions and ladies. A committee consisting of Past Commanders John A. Lomberton, Henry W. Vasey, J. P. B. Bowring and Companions Nelson C. Hill and Robert Smith will have charge of the Lowell delegation. Anyone wishing to go can procure tickets from them at a future date.

Lowell Man Now Tells The Story

Claims the New Herbal Remedy, Plant Juice, Has Restored His Health

Conditions, the result of the modern method of living, cause many people to seek relief by going out into the country and living close to nature, but they are forced by their environment, to continue their daily occupations, suffering untold tortures, until finally their aches and the assume such serious tendencies that they have to give up altogether.

Plant Juice, the new herbal stomach remedy, is designed to meet just such needs. It has done more for men and women of American cities than any other preparation ever placed on the market. It is no longer necessary for debilitated people to go to the country to get a return of the vitality of nature to their bodies; the same is supplied directly and effectively in Plant Juice. It contains the medicinal and life-giving herbs, of forest, field and plain the vitalizing juices which the soil gives forth—nature's own remedy to man.

Every day more and more people are coming to realize the truth of this assertion as verified by the signed testimonials of well known local people. Recently the signed testimonial of Mr. James Smith, who lives at No. 55 Fourth street, Lowell, and is a well known carpenter and contractor of this city, was received. Mr. Smith has hosted at friends and is also a prominent member of the Carpenters' union. He said:

"For years I have been troubled with indigestion, could not keep any solid food in my stomach as it fermented and caused gas to form. I suffered nearly every after eating anything; had headaches, was constipated, had heartburn, and was very dizzy at times; black spots would come up before my eyes, and I could hardly see anything. I had terrible pains in my chest and side, and was so nervous I could never sleep at night. I heard of Plant Juice and since taking it for several weeks I am feeling fine; have no more headaches, sleep well and can eat anything I want and digest it. Mr. Cudworth, of No. 64 Grand street, who had been greatly benefited by Plant Juice, advised me to try it, and I am certainly glad that I took his advice as it is a fine medicine."

The Plant Juice Man is at The Doves Drug Store, in Merrimack Square, where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.

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That a person can have in good eye-sight for Christmas. Perfect fitting glasses here. We can aid in making you happy.

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Two Floors Crowded With Useful Gifts for Men, Women and Children Can Be Bought For

\$1.00 A WEEK

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LADIES' SUITS

Reduced to give you the benefit while you can wear them. \$25.00 value.....**\$17.50**

LADIES' COATS

Wool plush, wool velour, zibelings and plush,**\$9.75 to \$29.50**

DAINTY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Crepe de chine camisoles in flesh and white, lace and ribbon trimmed.....**98c**

A Table Full of Different Styles of Lingerie Waists.....**98c**

WATCHES

FOR \$1.00 A WEEK

Waltham and Hamilton movements, in guaranteed cases. Both men's and ladies'.....**\$15 to \$37.50**

JEWELRY

Bracelets, Pendants and Chains,**\$2.75 to \$5.00**

First payment after Jan. 1st.

DIAMOND RINGS

Ladies' and men's, in Tiffany, belcher and fancy settings.....**\$1.00 A Week**

MEN'S DEPT. First Floor

OVERCOATS

Our racks are full; every description to pick from. Navy, gray and mixture coats,**\$12.50 to \$25.00**

Neckties25c, 50c, 85c

Fancy Shirts79c, 98c

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We have sold more suits than ever before, because we have the selections of price and style. Blue serges as well as mixtures,**\$15.00 to \$25.00**

Boys' Dept.

SUITS—Blue serges and mixtures,\$2.95 to \$6.50

OVERCOATS\$5.95 to \$10.00

MACKINAW\$4.95 to \$6.50

TOQUES and CAPS50c to \$1.00

FURS—A Princely Gift

Black fox, pointed fox, natural opossum, ravelynx, Bulgarian coat, coney.....**\$5.95 to \$23.75**

Children's Sets—Ermine, coney, blue hare, white thibet, lamb.....**\$1.98 to \$5.98**

GERMANY FAILS TO KEEP WORD TO AMERICA

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Taegliche Rundschau regarding the reference made in the house of commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Capt. Blakie, the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans.

"The German government has now taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine war—that these vessels, before being torpedoed must be stopped and examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such even when Americans are on board."

"We now have facilities for extending the under sea boat war which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

Mr. Bonar Law in his statement in the house of commons on Tuesday said Germany had given assurance that Capt. Blakie would not share the fate of Capt. Fryatt of the British steamer Brussels, who was executed after conviction on the charge that his vessel had attempted to ram a German submarine. Germany, the chancellor stated, considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser and that Capt. Blakie in attempting to ram the under sea boat was merely performing his duty.

Special: Pendants \$1 to \$25—Richard's

PRESENTED GOLD BRACELET

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McGee of 189 Mt. Hope street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Tuesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Christina B. McGee, was surprised by a number of her friends, the occasion being the 18th anniversary of her birth. Mr. Frank O'Shea, in behalf of those present, presented Miss McGee a beautiful gold bracelet. Although taken by surprise the young

woman responded in a fitting manner. A delightful musical program was given, Mr. John Jarrett and Miss Regina Kingham being the accompanists of the evening. The success of the affair was due to the efforts of Miss Mary Hannafin.

MAY ASK RECOUNT OF LICENSE VOTE

FITCHBURG, Dec. 21.—A recount of the vote on the liquor license question is expected to be sought by the Liquor Dealers' association.

John C. McManus, president of the association, stated yesterday that a petition for a recount is being considered and that the chances are that such a petition will be filed.

The dry plurality was 74, two more than the wet margin last year.

The no-license forces are jubilant. There is gloom among the liquor dealers and the "lovers of personal liberty," who believe in open saloons.

There are at least 57 varieties of reasons being given as to the cause of the overthrow of the saloons. The most prominent opinion expressed by close observers is that the energetic campaign waged by the Fitchburg Anti-Saloon league with the aid of business men and manufacturers who in other years were on the fence, made dry votes.

Billy Sunday, in the opinion of many, had as much to do about the result as he did in Boston.

Communion sets—At Richard's.

MATRIMONIAL

Joseph F. Gundersen of West Newton and Miss Harriet R. Ferguson of this city were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher at his home, 221 Foster street. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lillian Ferguson, while the best man was Archie Hanley of West Newton. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister and in the evening the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon trip through the state of New Hampshire.

Chests of silver—At Richard's.

IN BOSTON

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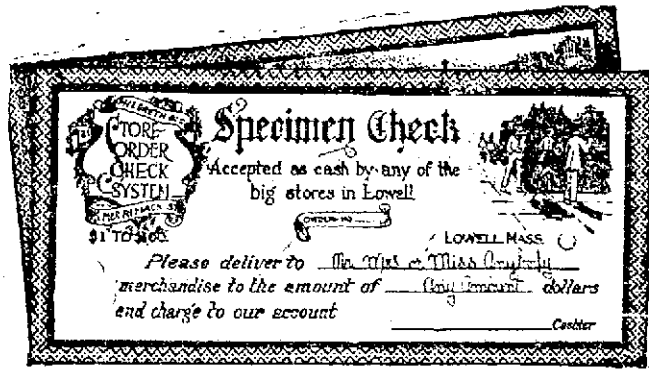
Or any kind of a shop, and you make your weekly payment to us at \$1.00 a week and buy where you like and what you like. This Order Check will be given to you for any amount, and the stores will sell you anything you want.

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A credit system that appeals to intelligent, economical people. It gives everyone credit on the stores at cash prices.

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| Millinery | Ladies' Hosiery | Watches | Glassware | Suits |
| Pictures | Ladies' Gloves | Manicure Sets | Art Embroideries | Sporting Goods |
| Tableware | Handkerchiefs | Leather Goods | Laces | Sweaters |
| Linen | Ladies' Neckwear | Children's Clothing | Bracelets | Smokers' Articles |
| Vacuum Cleaners | Fur Coats | Pendants | Fine Stationery | Phonographs |
| Ladies' Shoes | Fur Gloves | Signet Rings | Furniture | Carpets and Rugs |
| Perfumes | Overcoats | Military Sets | Ribbons and Veilings | Underwear |
| Kimonos | Bath Robes | Towels and Blankets | Infants' Wear | Cameras |
| Negligees | Neckwear | Children's Toys | Cuff Links | Books |
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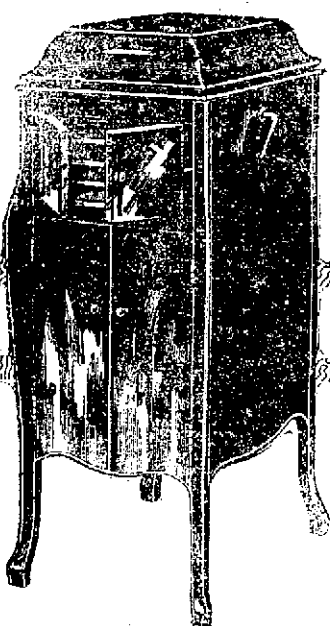
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Victrola X (Mahogany or oak) ... \$75.

Twelve 10-inch 75c double-faced Victor Records (24 selections) ... 9.00

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RING'S

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RECORD RUSH TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Never before in its history has Lowell spent so much money for Christmas gifts. The nation-wide prosperity is being daily reflected here. Never before has the procession of shoppers been so incessant. Downtown store managers in practically all lines vouch for this. The same story holds good in other cities. Some cities are inclined to attribute it to the development of the Christmas fund idea, thrift clubs, etc. But we have no thrift club here. The Middlesex Trust Co., has formed one for next year, but there was none this year. The fact remains, however, that a great many merchants, even in cities as far as Boston, have expressed the belief that thrifty clubs and Christmas clubs, meaning one and the same thing, are a great measure responsible for the great increase in Christmas shopping this year. The store people welcome it, while the banks realize its value, and all their plans are laid for the 1917 Christmas drive.

The huge volume of business may be attributed, in smaller measure perhaps, to the profit-sharing plans that have been entered into within the year and the liberal advances which nearly every New England public service corporation and factory has lately made to its employees.

However it may be Mr. General Public's pocket is more richly lined than ever it was, and consequently, so is the dainty purse of Mrs. and Miss Public.

NOTES FROM Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM

The local Association Physical Department has had the most successful fall term in years. The fall term classes will close Saturday evening and the winter term classes will start Tuesday, January 2nd. Classes will not meet during Christmas week. Classes and activities have been better attended and greater interest has been shown this season than heretofore.

In the weekly competitive sports for Seniors, F. W. Kelley finished the winner, and will be the recipient of the Gold Medal award on New Year's day. The Silver Medal will go to A. H. Fletcher, and the Bronze Medal to C. McCarthy.

The following nine competitors will be awarded the Association Athletic Emblem: J. E. W. Kelley, 247 points; A. H. Fletcher, 157 points; C. McCarthy, 1397 points; L. R. Carter, 1332 points; J. J. Hurley, 1460 points; E. E. Touhey, 1157 points; T. D. Marks, 1100 points; S. E. P. Chaput, 1034; S. E. Cochrane, 1010 points.

The standing of the first five com-

petitors in the Student Bi-Weekly Competitive Sports, which continue till February 19th, is as follows: A. Howard, 825 points; J. Thompson, 818 points; D. Hart, 803 points; R. Korzeniewski, 780 points; R. Hollingsworth, 688 points.

Employed Boys' Competitive Sports' standing: A. Whitham, 582 points; F. Sawyer, 551 points; H. Saunders, 785 points; R. Buchanan, 722 points; A. Lawson, 714 points.

Basket ball is receiving considerable attention among local members. The Young Men's league completed their schedule December 11th. The Vesper team, captained by C. Jessop, finished first, won five games and lost one. The second team, the Thirteen Club, captained by R. Peterson, won 3 and lost 2. The clubs, captained by E. Edwards, won 2 and lost 4. The Braves, captained by J. Lawson, won 2 and lost 4.

The Young Men's league will be re-organized on Monday evening, January 8th, at 8.15. The standing in the Employed Boys' Basketball league to date is as follows: The Crescents, captained by J. Harrison, won 5 and lost none; the Grants, captained by A. Lawson, won 4 and lost 1; the Orioles, captained by D. Burns, won 1 and lost 4; Dart, captained by F. Sawyer, won none, lost 5.

Standing in the Student Basketball

league: Vikings, captained by R. L. Falls, won 4, lost 1; the Vics, captained by R. Korzeniewski, won 7, lost 2; the Buccaneers, captained by D. Hart, won 2, lost 3; the Indians, captained by A. Howard, won none, lost 5.

GREAT BRITAIN TO TAKE LAND FOR CROPS

COMPULSION IF NECESSARY—WAR COMMITTEES WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO PRODUCE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The steps which the government intends to take to increase production of foodstuffs within the kingdom was explained to a meeting of agriculturists yesterday by Rowland B. Prothero, president of the board of agriculture.

He said that in the first place it was intended to fix the contract price for home-grown wheat at 60 shillings, and that similar action would be taken in regard to the potatoes, oats, and barley, the prices for which are now under consideration.

Surveys are now being carried out to

ascertain the land at present idle or insufficiently cultivated and to have it cultivated to the fullest extent.

It was announced that in every county a war agricultural committee would be appointed with lists of the products most essential and would be told what they were expected to grow. These committees would have the power to acquire land by compulsion if necessary and a system of credit would be established.

"We are a beleaguered city," said Mr. Prothero, "and must act in the fullest consciousness of that fact."

SEWER BUILDING IN THE WINTER MONTHS

Commissioner Charles J. Morse is not deterred by the winter weather, even though he has two big sewer projects on hand—the Appleton street sewer and that on Varnum avenue, to drain the contagious hospital. While he admits that in some ways sewer work is more easily in winter than in summer, he says that blasting can be done more

easily when there is frost in the ground. Appleton street is ledge the entire length and there is a great deal of ledge on Varnum avenue. Mr. Morse is ready to start the Appleton street job, and the street railway has got busy on the laying of temporary tracks to serve the people of the Highlands. In the sewer jobs two air compressors will be used, which will operate four jack-screws, hand cranks and possibly steam drills. "I am going to have Appleton street next summer," said Mr. Morse. "I will have to start on that sewer at once." He has on hand about 250,000 four-inch granite blocks but that will not be nearly enough to complete the Appleton street job.

AMERICAN WEDS PARIS GIRL

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Paul Rockwell, formerly of the foreign legion and brother to Kiffin Rockwell, the American aviator, who was recently killed on the French front, was married yesterday to Jeanne Levesque, daughter of Georges Levesque, former minister of public instruction. The ceremony was quiet as both families are in mourning. The witnesses for the bride were Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies, and Gen. Duport; for the bridegroom, Victor du Aneloux and Sergt. McChinnell, an American aviator with the French army.

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YOUNG COUPLE SKATE TO DEATH

ARLINGTON, Dec. 21.—While skating on Spy pond last night shortly after 9 o'clock, John V. N. Hatfield, Jr., aged 24, of 50 Pleasant street, Arlington, and a girl believed to be Miss Annie Doy of Somerville, broke through the thin ice and went to their death arm in arm in the icy waters.

The accident happened about 500 feet out from Linwood street, opposite the storehouses of the Cambridge Ice company. The couple separated from their companions on the ice and ventured into a dangerous part of the pond. Suddenly the skaters making merry near the shore heard a cry for help, and then all was silent.

Several of the company ventured out in the direction taken by the couple until the cracking and snapping of the ice gave warning of their position. Kenneth McLoud and Paul Hesselstine, by dint of hard work, trawled out to the edge of the ice, but there were no signs of the pair except the young man's hat floating on the water.

Lieut. Daniel Hooley, who had arrived in the meantime, rushed back to the shore and then learned that the Arlington Fire company had been summoned for a blaze at Massachusetts avenue and Everett street. He sent an officer to get the hook and ladder truck, which was hurried to the scene of the accident.

Several long ladders were run out on the ice where the couple sank, and used to bridge the gap. Then with the aid of powerful searchlights from the fire apparatus, the police, under Chief O. D. Coughlin, grappled for the bodies.

After more than a half hour's work the girl's body was recovered at 10 o'clock, and 25 minutes later Hatfield's body was taken out at the same spot. The bodies were taken to Hartwell's undertaking establishment on Medford street.

The body of Hatfield was identified by his father. The young man was born in Cambridge. He is survived by his father and mother, four sisters and two brothers. He had a reputation as a very good swimmer and, in fact, won several prizes in meets. The shock of the icy water, however, is believed to have rendered him powerless.

HIGHLAND CLUB CABARET

A most enjoyable entertainment was held at the Highland club last night, the occasion being one of those gatherings which the members have now and then, no specified date. Last night it took the form of a cabaret and the entertainers furnished a program which was highly enjoyed.

Luncheon was served in the dance hall and while the men ate of course it was a stag party—the girls sang and danced. An added attraction was Fred Gravel of Jamaica Plain who performed feats of magic. The cabaret entertainers were the Misses Frances Feeley, Alice Tuttle, Alice Montague and Sadie Perry. Broderick's orchestra furnished music.

ALL VESSELS MUST AID ENTENTE POWERS

INTERPRETATION OF HINT BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE—TO SUPPLY ALLIES FIRST

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo-carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian populations of the allied countries, is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

For some time, a representative steamship man said yesterday, all British vessels have had about one-third of their cargo space commandeered for grain, recently increased so that now the New York agent has only about one-third of his ship available to private shippers.

The same authority expressed the belief that under the proposed new regulations even more space would be controlled by the government by regulations requiring that all cargo be officially designated. Designation of cargo will mean that the shipping in British bottoms of any commodity other than that necessary for maintenance of army and civil life will be forbidden.

It is also deemed likely that British ships now in trade between neutral countries will be called upon to take their place in the line of ships carrying supplies to Great Britain and her allies.

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"Cargoes will be jointly apportioned among the various lines and every ship flying the flag of Great Britain must do its part or the government will take it over."

"The people of England and her armies must be supplied with actual necessities, and the government will see to it, through such control of cargo, that no one class of people will get what all cannot get—thereby reducing to a great extent the cost of living."

No serious consideration appears to be given to the suggestion that British ships will be more heavily armed than the defense guns of the United States, as they are in the United States in connection with their status as merchantmen.

As one steamship man put it: "In the first place, the construction, a majority of the ships will not stand heavier armament, and again, should they be ruled out of the United States ports they could not go elsewhere on the American continent. Canadian ports have not adequate facilities and it would take years to provide for even half of the present United States business."

FIRST FRENCH TOWN REBUILT BY AMERICANS

VITRIMONT, France, via Paris, Dec. 21.—This village, which like its neighbor, Gerbeviller, was destroyed early in the war, will have the honor of being the first village reconstructed in France and this is due to American enterprise and generosity.

The rebuilding is already under way, the cornerstone of the first group of houses already having been laid Sunday by the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, who had been invited to participate in the ceremony by those interested in this distinctly American undertaking.

Mrs. William H. Crocker of San Francisco, who has furnished the funds for reconstruction, was unable to see the practical realization of her work. She was represented by Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, known in the community as "Mademoiselle de Chez Nous," or "Miss One of Us," who is superintending the work. Old men and young men for military service are being employed on the building operations.

Miss Polk's task is not without difficulties, such as often confront American building contractors, she has had her first strike in the last week, that of masons who sought higher wages, but she succeeded in settling the matter.

American Flag Flown

The cornerstone laying was an event in Vitrimont. Grouped about the ruins and the foundation of the first structure were the inhabitants and soldiers on leave of absence. The American flag, besides the tricolor of France, was in evidence here and there, and despite the gloominess of the destroyed village, there was a manifest feeling of joy that its restoration after original plans would soon be seen.

Leon Fobe, mayor of Vitrimont, and St. Mirman of Nancy, prefect of the department of Meurthe et Moselle, spoke, thanking the American people, through the ambassador, for their generous initiative toward the rebuilding of the ruined places of France and the aid which the United States had given in so many ways.

Replying, Ambassador Sharp said it had not only given him much pleasure to see such highly useful work begun by his own countrymen for those who had been made homeless by the fortunes of war, but he was greatly interested in the possibilities to which this work, so auspiciously begun, might lead. He hoped earnestly that this beneficent aid might be extended to other villages in the province of Lorraine, upon which like destruction had been visited.

Ambassador Gratiified

The ambassador was gratified especially that in addition to providing substantial homes for the people of the village, all the money for the reconstruction of the buildings would remain among the people who so sorely needed it. In fact, he said, what he saw about him only confirmed him in the belief that for economic reasons, if for no other, the reconstruction of at least the

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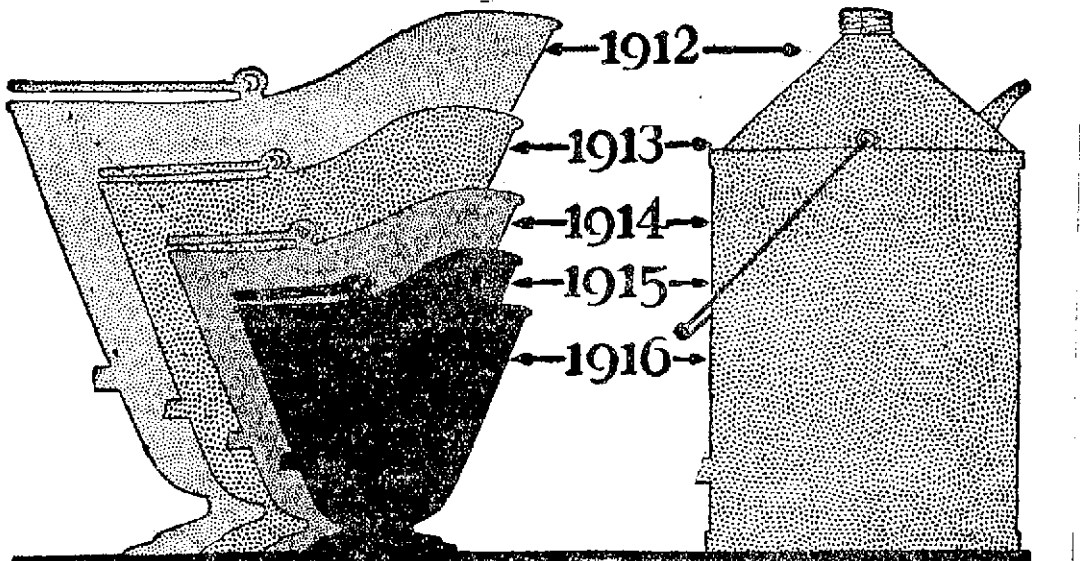
Street Floor

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On account of the embargo on freights from the west we are receiving all kinds of toys every day. If you don't see what you want here today come again tomorrow as we are continually opening new ones. Here are a few of the latest arrivals:

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smaller towns and villages of the invaded territory must be the work of the home people, out of home building material, like that from which the original buildings had been constructed.

In conclusion, he took occasion to compliment those responsible for the work and referred feelingly to the fortitude of the afflicted people under such trying conditions.

The little girls of the village, who excel in the art of embroidery, were presented to the ambassador, and they gave him handkerchiefs, examples of their work, as souvenirs.

BERLIN NOT SURPRISED AT ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE

GERMAN PAPERS NOW DEVOTE ENTIRE ATTENTION TO LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press which commented only fragmentarily on Premier Lloyd George's speech this morning because only excerpts were available, now has the entire text and devotes its entire attention to the subject. The papers as a whole express little surprise at the British premier's attitude, although most of them wonder why he believes that entering into a conference would involve the entente as placing its head in a noose.

Lloyd George's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay an indemnity. The Tagblatt says:

"Lloyd George is not willing to negotiate or willing only in case that Germany will submit to England's demand as summarized in his utterances regarding restitution, reparation and guarantees. This makes the chasm between the English and German standpoint so broad that not even the most cheerful optimist can find a way to bridge it. Lloyd George, in stipulating the acceptance of his conditions before the opening of negotiations shows that he does not wish to negotiate."

The Tagblatt concludes by asking whether all possibilities of peace have vanished and answers its own question with a hopeful reference to various French socialist, English and Italian voices as showing that the peace overtures are not judged by the public exactly as by the parliaments.

In the view of the Vossische Zeitung the reference to the noose is nothing more than a recognition by England of Germany's strength and the failure of the entente's military enterprises. It adds that not a single word of Lloyd George's speech indicates any desire to repair the torn inter-communal threads and asks why the entente should stand so stubbornly for restitution and reparation when it is highly improbable that Alsace can ever be conquered by France. Constantinople by Russia and that it is even improbable if Germany can be driven out of the conquered territory. The Vossische contends that it is a fortunate thing that Germany possesses militarism to withstand the entente's ambition to reach its world goal.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations as follows:

Jan. 15—Specialist in cotton marketing and warehousing (male), salary, \$2,000 to \$3,000 per annum; assistant biologist (male), salary, \$3,000 per annum; supervising mining engineer and metallurgist (male), salary, \$4,000 per annum; negative cutter (male), salary, \$3,000 per annum.

Jan. 17—Oil pumper (male), salary, \$1,200 per annum; 17-18, Abi. qualified in chemistry (male), salary, \$500 to \$540 per annum; veterinarian (male), salary, \$1,400 per annum; 17-19, assistant examiner, patent office, salary, \$1,500 per annum; assistant chemist in forest products (male), salary, \$500 to \$1,000 per annum; surveyor (male), salary, \$1,000 to \$1,500 per annum; mechanical draftsman (male), salary, \$1,000 per annum.

Jan. 23—Senior structural engineer, grade 1 (male), salary, \$3,600 per annum; architectural draftsman (male), salary, \$130 a month; lithographic map engraver (male), salary, \$750 per annum.

BARBERS ELECT OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the members of Local 223, Journeymen Barbers International union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John B. Curtin; vice president, Charles Burns; financial secretary, Martin Hoar; treasurer, E. L. Deslandes; recording secretary, E. A. Deslandes; auditing committee, Ed Curtin and James E. Dougherty; guide, George Paquin; guidance, Henry Savard. At the next meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in January, there will be a smoke talk and the officers will be installed.

The following labor organizations held routine meetings last evening: Beavers, Pavers and Ramblers and Steam and Operating Engineers.

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UNITED IRISH LEAGUE TO RESUME ACTIVITY

NEW YORK COUNCIL STATES THE SITUATION—NATION STANDS BY IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special meeting of the municipal council of the United Irish League of America was held in the Emme arcade, last night, at which delegates were present from the metropolitan district of New York, Long Island, New Jersey and the Hudson river counties. The hall was crowded and the various speakers cheered enthusiastically. The meeting resolved that an organized effort should be made through the Irish and American press to give the facts regarding the Irish contribution to the cause of the allies widely and to inform the American public that Mr. John E. Redmond, the brilliant leader of the Irish parliamentary party enjoys the confidence of nationalist Ireland as completely as ever, and would favor no settlement of the Irish question, except upon the basis of immediate home rule. Pictures brought out at the meeting showed that Ireland had contributed 160,000 men to the fighting forces, and the registrar general reported that 160,000 more were available. No other country had sent forward one-half of its military eligible.

Some of the speakers also noted that the Irish nationalist party had added a new seat to their representation, through the splendid victory in West Cork, where for the first time in years, a true nationalist and supporter of John E. Redmond had been returned to parliament. This was most significant, taken in connection with the further fact that the votes for the Urban, district and county councils throughout Ireland were unanimous in favor of supporting and strengthening the parliamentary party. It is the purpose of the United Irish League of America, through the various councils, to prosecute a vigorous campaign in 1917, to focus and intensify American public opinion towards effecting a speedy settlement of the Irish question unless by some new move of the present British ministry the home rule act shall be put into immediate operation for all Ireland. Any attempt to array Ireland on the

side of Germany will only place a weapon in the hands of Ireland's enemies with which they can strike at the liberties she has won but which have been suspended by the war.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET CONSTRUCTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21, via London.—Count Clam-Martini, to whom was assigned the task of constructing an Austrian cabinet after Alexander Spitznagel's resignation in his efforts to do so, is reported in a despatch from Vienna to have presented the following list of ministers: President, Count Clam-Martini; Minister of interior, von Handel; Minister of commerce, Dr. Urban; Minister of labor, von Trnka; Minister of education, Baron von Hussarek; Minister of agriculture, Count Clam-Martini; Minister of national defense, F. von Georgi; Minister of finance, Alexander Spitznagel; Minister of justice, von Schenk; Minister of railways, Dr. Z. von Forster; Minister without portfolio, Dr. Baernreither; Governor general of Galicia, Michael Bolezinski.

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THE SPELLBINDER

The closing weeks of the "physical" year at city hall, are marked by daily meetings and conferences of the municipal council, in an effort to clean up the number of matters that should be settled before the close of the business year. As a result the council will be in session probably daily from now until the end and much business of importance will be transacted within the next week. Aside from the vast amount of business from without, there is considerable from within, and among the latter classification is placed the requests for increases in wages and salaries which are being heard from on all sides. Most of these requests for increases, however, will go over until next year, as the appropriations are down quite low, and as increases are purely matters of appropriation, it would be useless to consider them this year. The reasons set forth for all increases is the high cost of living and the general increases in wages that have been granted by private concerns.

Meanwhile, the heads of the departments at city hall are hesitating to all requests of rumors and gossip and are wondering. One of the new commissioners is credited with having made the statement that he doesn't believe in making a goat of any one head of department, but would like to clean out the building from garbage to getting the assignment of the new commissioners is also a matter of speculation, despite the popular impression that Brown will have the water department; Warnock, buildings, and Donnelly, finance. That impression comes from the belief that the two new men and "commissioners" will enter into a combination at the start of the year.

Macadam Jobs Unfinished

The new administration will take effect on Tuesday, Jan. 2, on account of Jan. 1 being a holiday. There has been much speculation as to when the inauguration would take place, macadam as the charter in this and other cities calls for inauguration on the first Monday in January, and the first Monday falls on a holiday. Many averred that an inauguration held on a legal holiday would be illegal, but the contrary general has cleared up that matter. Practical politics, discussing the subject, has the following to say:

"New Year's day as a legal holiday is already causing some strange business men and banks who are preparing to regulate the day after the inauguration. The contrary observation of Jan. 1. One complication which arose was as to the inauguration of city officials in many of the municipalities where the charter provides that their induction into office should take place on the first Monday of January. The legal New Year's day in 1917, the question was raised as to whether such ceremony could legally be held on a holiday. Attorney General Atwell was appealed to and he has ruled that inauguration very properly can be held on Jan. 1 as long as the various charters fix the day of the year."

Street Work Goes Over

A few days ago Commissioner Morse finished the Lowell sewer in the Dummer street extension and transferred his new motor compressor to Appleton street where a 100-foot sewer will be laid. It took about eight weeks to complete the sewer in the Dummer street extension as much blasting was necessary, one blast costing the city \$1000, as the result of a few rocks which found their way into a boiler room in Market street. The commissioner has been subjected to some criticism for continuing his work after the frost has set in, as it is claimed that it costs much more to excavate with the frost in the ground. But where he is encountered the cost is about the same at any time of year as blasting can be done practically as cheap in winter as in summer. Mr. Morse will encounter little in Appleton street and thus much as well do the work now as later, because the work of his department is away behind for a variety of reasons.

At the beginning of the year the sum of \$40,000 was appropriated for the paving of certain streets as follows: Lower Dutton to Fletcher street, Thorndike street, Fletcher street—Dutton to Worthen, inclusive. Branch street—Smith street to end of block paving work. East Merrimack—High to Nesmith. Central street—Church street to Charles, inclusive.

Upper Dutton street. Pawtucket street—Merrimack to Moody, inclusive.

Westford street from near Windsor, westerly to Junior of Pine. Of these streets but two have been entirely completed, upper Dutton street and the small strip in Pawtucket street. There remains unfinished about 50 feet of the lower Dutton street job, between the tracks on Thorndike street. Branch street has not been finished. East Merrimack street has been done only to Willow street, while the other streets haven't been paved at all. Thus there will be considerable paving work left over for next year, even as there was one year ago, and the year previous.

Macadam Jobs Unfinished

Early in the year also the sum of \$10,000 was appropriated for the macadamizing of the following streets: Marlborough st from Westford st to Pine st; Florence ave from Westford st to Pine st; Wamselt st from Central st to Lawrence st; Munroe st from Parkview ave to Rutland road; Hovey st from Westworth ave to Rutland road; Central st from Elm st to Ham st; Andover st from Clark road to city line; Rogers st from Ferry st to High st; Pine st from Westford st to Liberty st; Griffin st from Agawam st to Andrews st; Colonial ave from Moody st to Riverside st; Riverside st from Colonial ave to Mammoth road; Sidney st from Moore st to southerly; Chambers st from Gorham st to Newhall st; Smith st from Branch st to Powell st; Chelmsford st from Plain st to Victoria st; Holyrood ave from Laurel st to north; Robbins st from Westford st to Pine st.

Of the above the following have not been done: Marlborough, Florence avenue, Central, Pine st, Griffin st, Colonial ave, Riverside st, Sidney st, Chelmsford st. On both paving and macadamizing it would appear that the Highlanders will have to wait for some time before their needed improvements while Felvidere was well treated this year. Thus there will be a large amount of macadamizing left over this year. With these left-over jobs and the new ones that come up every year we should have a particularly busy time in the street department next year.

Those who assign a political reason for everything done or undone by a commissioner should remember that the commissioner had difficulty in securing labor this year, and has had repeated unions with the civil service as a result, though the registrar is obliged, by law, to send up the names of the commission as they appear on the civil service list without regard to the individual fitness of the men on the list. Others claim that city work is done in a disorganized slow manner and that the work were let out by contract much more would be accomplished. But if street work were done by contract instead of going to citizens and taxpayers the jobs might go to non-resident aliens.

More for Playgrounds

The people of upper Gorham street have started the ball rolling for a playground in that section by specifying the Fair grounds as the site, although it is not improbable that they will accept a less expensive site as long as they get a suitable place for their children. The playground movement is becoming general in all cities and the idea is to establish public playgrounds in each section of the city where there is congestion. If one new playground alone is to cost the city over \$40,000 just for the land, it will be some time before all sections have playgrounds in Lowell. It was rather amusing to note who the speakers were at the recent hearing at city hall. They came from all parts of the city, but from upper Gorham street. There would have been more of them, and more from that section but for the fact that Charlie Brickley, the great football player, was lecturing at the Sacred Heart school that night. Those who were all represented past, present and future candidates for political office, and the proposed purchase of old Camp Chase of Civil war fame gave them an excellent opportunity to expatiate on playgrounds and patriotism with the other "p" speakers. In fact, but in evidence. A playground is needed in that section of the city. It has grown remarkably in the past decade, but many believe that a

playground that will answer all purposes of the district may be secured at a much less cost, thereby leaving money with which to fix it up and purchase other playgrounds in other sections of the city where they are needed. "Donnelly park" is filling a long felt want for the residents of ward 1 at a cost of less than \$7000. Half a dozen such parks could be purchased for the sum asked by the proponents of the Fair grounds petition. The tendency at present is to meet public necessity by having many inexpensive parks instead of a few expensive ones. THE SPELLBINDER.

AIRPLANE COMPANIES TO DEMAND ROYALTIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Aero Club of America, through its board of governors, has decided to place before the council of national defense the facts involved in the decision of two of the leading airplane companies to demand royalties from all concerns engaged in

the manufacture of airplanes. It was announced here today. The royalty demand has caused considerable confusion in the industry, and according to aeronautical experts, seriously threatens the advancement of aviation in this country.

The appeal to the council of national defense is in response to requests made to the Aero club by virtually all the small companies which to fill the orders impossible for them to fill the orders they now hold from the government. They are forced to pay a heavy royalty. Cliff links, stick pins, at Ricard's.

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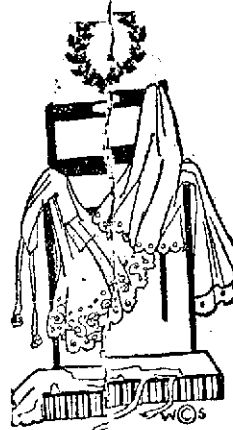
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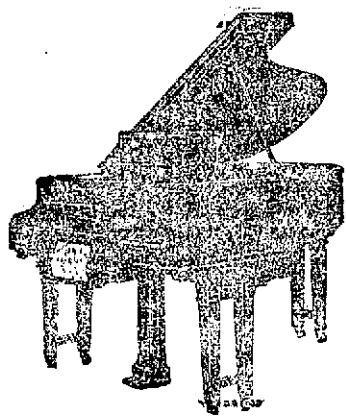
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The Sun goes into nearly every home in Lowell and vicinity. Merchants know that Sun readers respond to their advertisements.

THE LOWELL SUN

The Sun prints the news of the world when it is news and only such news as is fit to print. It is a clean family newspaper.

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LOWELL MASS. THURSDAY DECEMBER 21 1916

PRICE ONE CENT

FOOD PRICES NOW LOWER THAN AT THANKSGIVING

According to present market conditions the Christmas dinner will be a little cheaper than on Thanksgiving day, for it is reported that a slight drop has been effected in the prices of turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks, as well as in the cost of vegetables and all other good things which go to make up a real good dinner.

Nice, honest to goodness Vermont turkeys are being advertised for from 41 to 45 cent a pound, while cold storage birds are selling from 25 to 30 cents a pound, which means a drop in prices of about 5 cents a pound. Geese is retailing for 20 and 25 cents, while chickens are marked between 20 and 30 cents a pound, a decrease of between 2 and 5 cents a pound as compared with Thanksgiving prices.

Potatoes have dropped three cents a peck during the past few weeks, the market price being 47 cents a peck, while Boston celery is selling for 22 cents a bunch. Fresh eggs have dropped from 65 to 55 cents a dozen, while storage eggs are selling for 55 cents a dozen, a drop of five cents. A local merchant, speaking about prices this morning, stated that potatoes are bound to go up in price again, for a scarcity of this vegetable is being felt. He said he has a carload coming at present prices, but was told the cost of the next shipment will be increased considerably.

Nuts and candies have been increased in prices to such an extent that the dealers are not selling as much as usual. The Christmas candy which sold for 10 cents a pound last year has been increased to 15 cents, while the fancy ribbon candy in boxes of two pounds has been increased from 23 cents a box to 25 cents. Roast pork is keeping within its former prices.

Hear banjo wizards. First appearance.

Meerschmum Pipes—at Ricard's.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.



An Electric Chafing Dish

For winter evenings after the theatre or dance, an Electric Chafing Dish is just the thing. Quickly and sociably you can concoct innumerable, palatable delicacies as well as staple dishes, and enjoy a cozy time in the privacy of your home.

A Useful Gift for the College Girl

An Electric Chafing Dish will enable the girl at college to add a bit of "homey" atmosphere to her school life. A Chafing Dish supper in the "hall" or "dorm" is a delightful way for her to entertain her girl chums.

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Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Chickens and Fowl

We invite our customers and the public to call and see our stock. The very best Vermont and Rhode Island stock. No cold storage or held-over goods.

Order your birds early, and get the pick of the flock.

Everything in the line of Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts, and all the fixings for your Christmas Dinner. Do not spoil your Christmas Dinner by buying a poor turkey, because it is a little cheaper. Call and satisfy yourself.

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AT LOWEST POSSIBLE RATES
ON YOUR PLAIN NOTE—EASY PAYMENTS
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TEXT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's notes dispatched to all the belligerents in the world war are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassador presenting them:

"The president directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

The texts of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows:

"The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to you (there is inserted a designation of the government addressed) a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit, and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

Desires to Play No Part in German Offer

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows next:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time, because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers."

"It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin, and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view."

"The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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Willing to Offer His Mediation

Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

"The president suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be considered and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

"He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in such a plan, in any way that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality. One way will be as acceptable to him as another, if only the great object he has in mind be attained."

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statements of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world."

"Each Side Ready to Consider Peace League"

"Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war."

"Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind."

"Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of

nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world."

"Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved."

Vital Interest of United States

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war."

"Their interest, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends when the war is over with every influence and resource at their command."

"But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the president does feel that it is his right and his duty to point out greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest presently he be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired."

Dangers of a War

"The president, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part."

"If the contest must continue to proceed toward undefined ends by slow attrition, until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted; if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or other there are no more to offer; if resentments must be kindled that can never cool and despair engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing concert of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle."

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented conflict of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated."

Hope Terms Not Far Apart

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, expressed those objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out."

"The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success, even, would bring the war to an end."

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would show a way at least for conference and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable."

Looks for Response

"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing."

"He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

The note to the entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

TRAIN JUMPED TRACKS

An engine attached to a passenger train jumped the tracks at a point near Wakefield Junction last evening, and although the engine was put out of commission no one was injured. Among the passengers was E. A. Tetreault of Aiken street, this city, a traveling salesman.

Mr. Tetreault was able to return to his home late last evening, and this morning when seen by a Sun reporter he said the only damage done was to the engine. He said the train was traveling at a fair rate of speed, when suddenly the engine had jumped the tracks. Through the efforts of the engineer the train was brought to a full stop before the coaches were overturned, and no one was injured.

After a two-hour wait another train was sent to the scene of the accident and the passengers were taken to Lowell Junction, where Mr. Tetreault boarded a train for Lawrence, returning to Lowell on the last electric. The accident occurred in the woods and the passengers thought they would freeze to death while waiting for the other train, for the engine was out of commission and the cars were not heated.

Waushakum Campers Assn. Tonight.

MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT AGAIN A WITNESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Major Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, was again a witness before the Senate sub-committee considering the Chamberlain universal military training bill for cross-examination by Senator Lee of Maryland, a champion of the National Guard, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the eastern department, who criticized the National Guard system before the committee also has been asked to appear again.

General staff officers are preparing to present specific reports on the mobilization.

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IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS

Upon the premises on Thursday, the 28th day of December, 1916, regardless of any condition of the weather, commencing promptly at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Everything is in first-class condition at this the machine gun plant of the Corporation—the several other plants of said Corporation for the manufacture of munitions and drop forgings are not in the market. Descriptive catalogue in detail may be had upon application at the office of the auctioneers, where all inquiries must be made.

J. W. O'BANNON, President.

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AFTER CHICKENS

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Looking for hens, was deprived of a chicken Christmas dinner and instead will spend the holidays and the next three months in Sheriff Eveleigh's custody at the Lowell jail.

Thomas, who has appeared in the local police court many times on account of trespassing on property and disturbing chickens from their quiet roosts, pleaded not guilty today to a charge of stealing four hens from Alice F. Lawrence of 48 Crescent street. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Lawrence saw a man moving around in her barn and she went out to investigate. Concern was found all ready to depart with his birds empty. When asked what his business was in the building, he said that he was looking for a dog, although he did not know where dog he was looking for. Mrs. Lawrence was about to allow concern to go his way when a noise emanated from a barrel in the rear of the barn. An investigation showed that four of the best looking chickens in the Lawrence henery had been bagged ready to be taken out.

Concern forgot about his dog and disappeared. The police were notified and given a description of the man seen in the barn. It corresponded with that on record of Concern and Inspector Walsh was assigned to the case. He apprehended Concern in Central street and the latter at first denied being in

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